

# MISSOURI RECORD

Summer/Fall 2003





# 911 Remembered by MSD Staff and Students



**Superintendent Barbara Garrison**

Along with other communities throughout our state and nation the MSD student body and staff paused to remember what happened September 11, 2001. A power point presentation was shown and students were led in signing the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language.

In conjunction with the remembrance program for September 11, 2001, a bulletin board was used in Wheeler High School to emphasize patriotism. The display used the history of the American flag, with art work that featured the flag. The flag connected the artwork that emerged from the expressions of those moved by the tragedies of 9-11-2001, with the artwork that was part of the art movement in the 1950's, WWII posters, and the most recent artwork that has appeared to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark exploration.

*(continued on page 13)*



**Top: Flag displayed in Wheeler Hall. Center: The audience joins in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Below left: Kyle, Chetara and DeShawn lead in the Pledge. Right: Kira, Monielle and Rosa lead the audience in signing the Star Spangled Banner.**

# Missouri Record



*Published Since 1879 by Missouri School for the Deaf*

Volume 126, No. 1 • Summer/Fall 2003

Page 23



Page 30



Page 28



## CONTENTS

- 2 911 Remembered**
- 4 State of the School Address**
- 6 Ingle Award Recipients**
- 7 Retirees and Transfers**
- 11 Haus Honored for 25 Years of Service**
- 12 Soaring Eagle Awards**
- 13 Learning More About China Painting**
- 14 Family Fun and Learning Retreat**
- 15 ASDC Family Reunion**
- 15 New Advisory Board Member**
- 16 Jr. NAD Swim-A-Thon**
- 17 Student Council Blood Drive**
- 18 Student Art Work on Display at DESE**
- 20 Water Garden**
- 23 Dedication of the Richard and Marthada Reed Water Garden**
- 26 Roger Dale Davis**
- 28 Washington New Athletic Director**
- 29 Sports**
- 33 English Department Themes**
- 36 Lewis and Clark Exploration**
- 38 Rice History Happenings**
- 40 Stark School News**
- 41 Alumni News**
- 47 Sports Schedule**
- 48 Irish Blessing**

### Missouri Record Staff

Barbara Garrison, *Editor*  
 Pat O'Rourke, *Associate Editor*  
 Bobby Morris, Jr., *Graphic Arts*  
 Kevin Spencer, *Photography*

### State Board of Education

Thomas R. Davis, *President*  
 Peter Herschend, *Vice President*  
 Russell V. Thompson  
 Jeannine Osborn  
 Betty Preston  
 Vanetta Rogers  
 Patt Sharp  
 Paula Spring  
 Jeanne Kujath, *Executive Assistant*

### Board of Advisors

John Bell, *President, Fulton*  
 Cyndra McDavid, *Vice President, Holts Summit*  
 Brenda Weggenman, *member, Eureka*  
 Bobby Graff, *member, Carthage*

### Board of Advisors (continued)

Harold Hankins, *member, Kansas City*  
 Sandra Fritz, *Secretary*

### Administration

D. Kent King, *Commissioner of Education*  
 Melody Friedebach, *Assistant Commissioner of Education*  
 Barbara Garrison, *Superintendent*  
 Tom Bastean, *Assistant Superintendent*  
 Tom Zengel, *Business Manager*  
 Dr. Allan Ensor, *Director, Clinical and Ancillary Services*  
 Richard Keller, *Student Life Director*  
 Sharon Egbert, *Supervisor, Wheeler High School and Vocational Coats Vocational Complex*  
 David Haus, *Supervising Teacher*  
 Dee Anne Peneston, *Supervisor, Rice School*  
 Mary Ann Herring, *Supervisor, Stark School*

*The MISSOURI RECORD is published two times a year: Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring by the Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, Missouri.*

*"The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ensures equal employment/educational opportunities/affirmative action regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or sex, in compliance with Titles VI and IX, or disability, in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act."*

*Cover designed by the Missouri School for the Deaf Graphic Arts Department.*



# State of the School Address

by Barbara Garrison



*The faculty and staff returned to school with a great deal of enthusiasm ready to meet the many changes and challenges for the upcoming school year.*

*Superintendent Garrison welcomed everyone back followed by opening comments from Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean. Business Manager Tom Zengel gave an overview of the school's financial forecast. Retirees were recognized for their years of service at MSD. Superintendent Garrison ended the morning by presenting the following State of the School Address:*

I've heard that "The first year on a new job, you can do no wrong... and the second year, you can't do anything right." Whether that is true or not, I want you to know that I am still happy to be here with you! I can tell you that even with Missouri's economic shortfalls, there's nowhere else I'd rather be!

My "State of the School" report as we begin the school year is that we are going through difficult times. The whole nation is experiencing an economic crisis for which there is no quick fix. We will not have an easy time this year and 2004-05 may be worse. I can tell you this:

- Yes, our budget has been cut.
- Yes, we are still unsure of what our total budget will be for the year.
- Yes, we will have to limit our spending.
- Yes, all of us will have to do more than what is listed on our job descriptions.
- Yes, each of us will take extra responsibilities in addition to our regular duties. Why? ... because we have a responsibility that we will fulfill.
- Yes, during the legislative debates and governor's vetoes for the past several months, MSD faced the possibil-

ity of severe, devastating cuts that were much worse than the reality that we share today.

- Yes, we are certainly in a better position than many school districts and many other state agencies across our state.
- YES, we have to do more with less and I know that we WILL do more
- Yes, I believe that we will do what we do BETTER than ever before! WHY? Because we will be accountable for everything that we do AND accountability leads to SUCCESS and success leads to PRIDE!

I must tell you that your MSD Management Team has and continues to work hard at overseeing all of MSD's resources ... for the benefit of our students, staff, parents, alumni and the school districts we serve. I am grateful for their perseverance during hours and hours of strategy meetings and for their wisdom, experience, and flexibility. I could not have selected a better team than our Assistant Superintendent – Tom Bastean, our Business Manager – Tom Zengel, our Director of Student and Outreach Services – Dr. Allan Ensor, and our Director of Residential Life – Dick Keller.

As a result, I am happy to say that:

- We begin the school year, without having had to "lay off" any employees,
- We begin the school year, with the ability to fill the vacancies that are critical to our mission even in the midst of a state hiring freeze.
- We begin the school year, with the ability to fund a small pay increase.
- We begin the school year, with MSD operations continuing to build on the excellent tradition that we have experienced for 152 years,
- We begin the school year with diminished funds, but soaring spirits!

And THAT my friends, is good news!

During times when it seems that you have lost control, you have to look hard at what you CAN control. That is why "ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING".

Each morning when you wake up you have two choices. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. Choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, you can choose to be a victim or you can choose to learn from it. Choose to learn from it.

Every time someone is complaining, you can choose to accept their complaining or you can point out the positive side of life. Choose the positive side of life.

You say: "Yeah, right, it's not that easy."

I say: "Yes it is."

Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice.

- You choose how you react to situations.
- You choose how people will affect your mood.
- You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood.

The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life and that is what you CAN control. Attitudes are the biggest disability that any of us face.

MSD will have to be adaptable, resourceful, and prepared to adjust our expectations, without lowering them, as we remain focused on our goals:

## Literacy

Even though English is a second language for our students, we must graduate students who are literate across the spectrum of curricula, in the

classroom, in the dorm, in the dining room, in the workplace, at a restaurant, in stores, on the campus and at home. As a bilingual/bicultural campus, we must set the standards for our students and expect nothing less. Anything less than being able to read, write and converse in English for our students is unacceptable.

### **Work Integrated Learning**

Capabilities and deep learning is effected through students being exposed to a variety of learning experiences and settings. For example, there will be different settings — at work, on campus and online. There will be experience of various disciplines, and work tasks within these, dealing with formal and informal, applied or theoretical knowledge, involving individual or team-based activity and with the learner encouraged to play different roles — learner, teacher, consultant, researcher.

We must shift from our traditional focus where controlled activity was demanded to align more with the changing business world. Business structures and processes have changed. The old way was that the boss made a decision and then the workers do it under the supervision of managers. The new way is completely opposite. When a problem or possibility needs to be tackled, a team is selected from all staff to develop strategies to address the issue. This means that instead of just “doing what they’re told to do”, employees now must use skills in theory and application. This change demands not only new roles and activities, but also new behaviors. Creativity and risk-taking are desired behaviors where once controlled activity was demanded. We must prepare our students for the world of work where specialization and flexibility co-exist ... in which the capacity to keep learning is essential and where the personal confidence to experiment and adapt is paramount.

### **Expansion of Outreach Services**

Even with reduced funds, we must expand our services to families, school

districts, alumni, deaf and hard of hearing citizens of this state, and the professionals who serve them with more fiscal and physical efficiency by taking advantage of the latest in technological advances that include, but are not limited to: distance learning, electronic messaging, video-conferencing, video-relay services and conference telephone meetings.

### **Enhancing our Public Image**

We must share our pride to every town, county, business and organization in this state in order to let people know who we are, what we do, and how we do it as Missouri’s Resource Center on Deafness, the state’s best source for Bilingual/Bicultural Education for students who are deaf and hard of hearing and/or deaf-blind.

### **Pre-school Program**

Seventy percent (70%) of our language is acquired by the time we are five (5) years old. Ninety-five percent (95%) of deaf children have parents that can hear and ninety percent (90%) of these hearing parents do not learn to communicate effectively with their Deaf children. These children too often hear ... “never mind” or “I’ll tell you later.” They are left out of learning opportunities at home and in their communities and therefore, spend their time in front of a television, computer monitor, or engage in behaviors that are self-destructive and dangerous for a variety of reasons.

Every student that enrolls in school needs to have a language base in one language before attempting to learn another language (formal training in ASL, prior to learning English).

We must continue our efforts toward the establishment of a Pre-school Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children at MSD to promote language competency, literacy and to avoid developmental delays for children who cannot hear.

Anything less than being able to read, write and converse in English for our students is unacceptable and in my opinion, the equivalent of child neglect/abuse.

### **What’s new at MSD?**

- We have performed some creative scheduling of academic, vocational and independent living skills classes to maximize our educational resources.
- We have combined the middle school and high school dormitories as an effort to maximize our financial and personnel resources.
- We are sending our students home every weekend except when athletic and academic events are hosted at MSD to again maximize our resources.
- We are extending our school day to maximize our emphasis on literacy and produce more equal schedules for both our classroom and dormitory teachers.
- We have begun work on installing a new “state of the art” emergency warning system for every building on campus.
- We are extending our ALPS program from the dormitory into the classroom.
- We are initiating the use of video conferencing for campus and state-wide distance learning to expand our ability for information sharing with coworkers, parents, public schools and other consumers while maximizing our management of time and money.
- We will continue to expand information sharing through our website such as posting the “Missouri Record” online to better manage our fiscal resources.
- We will continue to explore new ways of doing things and new funding sources ... from writing grants to fund needed activities to networking cooperative efforts with other schools and agencies to best serve our students.
- We have something else new this year. I am so impressed with MSD employees’ commitment to the job and how they are always looking for new ways to do things better. The management team is getting used to hearing me say: “Stop thinking of how we’ve always done things and start thinking ‘outside the box’.” So, now I am asking all MSD employees to begin

*(continued on page 46)*

## Ingle Award Recipients

### Robert Alexander

Peter H. Ripley presented the Ingle Award to Robert M. Alexander. Bob's career in the education of the hearing impaired spanned more than 30 years. Bob started his career at MSD as a volunteer houseparent while in college.

He graduated from Westminster College, received a master's degree in deaf education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in educational administration from California State University at Northridge.

He has been a teacher, coach, dean of students, high school principal and assistant superintendent. He was named Class 1A Missouri Football Coach of the Year in 1975. He directed the World Games for the Deaf in 1980.

Peter Ripley says, "He is kind, loyal, willing, cooperative and was a joy to work with. Bob has a strong community and school spirit." He jokingly said, "Bob has lived in more houses than anyone in Callaway County."

Now that he is retired he has more time to spend with his grandchildren and pursue his love of genealogy and history.

### Mike Healy

Along with the announcement of Mike Healy's retirement, Tom Zengel, presented Mike Healy with the Ingle Award.

Mike retired September 1 after 31 years of service to MSD, the staff and students bid him farewell. Starting as a Groundsman in 1972, Mike worked as a Maintenance Worker I, as a Maintenance Worker II and has been Plant Maintenance Engineer since April of 1993.

If you look around the campus it would be hard to find an inch of land, a building system, an interior or exterior that Mike has not touched and made better over the years he was



Former Superintendent Peter Ripley and Superintendent Barbara Garrison present Robert Alexander with a retirement plaque and the Truman L. Ingle Award.



Business Manager Tom Zengel and Superintendent Barbara Garrison present Mike Healy with a retirement plaque and the Truman L. Ingle Award.

here. His behind the scenes work on capital improvements/repairs and his vast knowledge of the physical plant here at MSD will be sorely missed.

Mike literally knows where all the "bodies" are buried at MSD — "bodies" of active and inactive tunnels, pipes, electrical wires, sewers, gas lines and so forth that 150 some years of operation have left. Whenever an organization loses a person of such great "corporate knowledge" it loses a piece of itself, its identity.

Mike will be sorely missed but

still we rejoice with him as he ends this chapter of his life and moves on to whatever else there is in his future. He has earned our respect and admiration for a job well done.

—Tom Zengel





To the Administration, Faculty and Staff

I am writing in regards to my forthcoming official retirement September 1, 2003 from MSD. I have decided that now is the time for me to set yet another goal in my life that will be dedicated to my husband and family.

In 1974, when I entered the teaching profession I had one objective in mind and that was to be the best teacher I could possibly be. Hard work and determination were my building blocks to reach this goal. I have tried to instill this plan into each and every student through the years of my tenure. I can proudly say, I completed a solid structure of success in many of the students who have graduated and accomplished their aims in life.

To the Administration and Faculty, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have worked with you, learn with you and develop long lasting friendships. Thank you for your professionalism, honesty and fairness in which I hold each of you in high esteem in your individual positions at MSD.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the staff. You are the teachers behind the scene caregivers. Whether the occasion calls for copies, cleaning or cookies you have always been there and to you I say, "Three Cheers: RAH, RAH, RAH!"

So at this time I truly regret not being there to read this letter to you and tell each of you personally how much you are appreciated. However, I have begun the next chapter in my life, vacationing in sunny Florida and basking in the sun of retirement.



—Judy Ebersole

## Retirees

### Judy Ebersole

Rice School Supervisor, Dee Peneston, announced the retirement of Judy Ebersole. Judy worked at MSD for 28 years. She started out as a teacher's aide in August 1974. She resigned in January 1979 to finish her degree and returned a year later in March 1980 as a full time temporary employee. In August of 1980 she became a full time teacher at Wheeler Hall. Judy then transferred to Rice Middle School in 1991 and was there until her retirement this year.

Dee said, "I would like to commend Judy for being a team member. Since I have known her at Rice she has been a great person to work with. When anyone needed something, Judy was always there. She was always willing to go the extra mile for someone even if it meant she had to work a little harder on her part."



2003-2004 Administration, Faculty and Staff

"Judy was never afraid of hard work. She was student council sponsor for many years . . . this was her one true love. She was also cheerleader sponsor, the newspaper liaison, mini SOS sponsor, member of the Professional Development Committee and she was an active member of the social studies curriculum for many years.

"Judy has made a lasting impression on many of our students and on many of our staff. We were fortunate to have Judy at MSD for so long. She has made numerous contributions to the lives of our students and to MSD. She has been a source of inspiration to us all. I commend Judy for her commitment to excellence in education. She has made MSD shine. She has been our fellow teacher and our friend.

"May Judy always find satisfaction in knowing that she has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people. She will be sorely missed."

#### **Peggy Jane Shows**

Peggy Shows has worked at MSD since August of 1995. She began her career at Stark Elementary and then moved to Rice Middle School in September of 2001.

During her time at Stark and Rice she taught a variety of classes and took an interest in special needs children. She has her MO Interpreter's certification and license as well as being licensed through RID.

In her retirement years she plans on spending time with her family in Alaska. She is already making plans to help with her new grandbaby when it arrives.

She also plans on doing a lot of yard work and gardening which she loves. She will be making frequent trips to Texas where her parents live. Her plans include working with her husband, Bobby, in his work.

This is an exciting time in Jane's life. Of course, it is always sad to leave your co-workers behind but I am sure that she has pleasant and enjoyable plans to look forward to.

—Dee Peneston



**Retirees—Jane Shows, Mike Healy, Beryl Purcell, Carol Meyer, Ruth Ann Dodd and Sandy Dutton.**

#### **Sandy Dutton and Sharon Morris**

They both began and ended their careers in Student Life on the same days. In August 1979, Sandy and Sharon began working in Stark Hall as houseparents. Their work touched the lives of students in every building as they moved throughout the campus during their career.

Students loved and cherished both of these women as they brought a much-needed level of sophistication to the residence halls. The strong sense of family these women held carried over from their love and devotion for their own families to the students in the dorms.

Sharon was one of our most active RA's with students, planning and participating in many of the after school activity programs.

**Dawn Mordan** came to the residence halls in August of 1997 working until her retirement on December 12, 2002. Dawn worked at the elementary and high school level with girls making a lasting impression on those she encountered. Dawn was full of life and enthusiasm as she planned and participated in many of the student activities on campus.

—Dick Keller  
Student Life Director

#### **Carol Meyer**

Carol began work full time as a nurses' aide in August of 1976. In April 1982, she moved into the LPN position she held until she retired in April of 2003. Twenty seven years of work was divided between evening shift, day shift and summer school.

Carol was affectionately known as MSD's "shot sheriff" by the Student Services Department. She almost single-handedly kept our students immunizations up to date. That involved letter after letter, after letter and in some cases, actually giving the shot herself when she finally got permission!

She was also one of the first in the department to be computer literate. We had one computer for a long time and it was in her area so she entered student information, kept it up to date and learned to do 'great things' on the computer before some of us even had one to work on! Her computer savy was great when we finally got networked together and it certainly made my job a lot easier. She had a lot of the hard stuff already done. Of course, she was the only one that knew how to do it so she ended up with extra work, until she could teach us how!

And in the midst of all that, she coordinated the Elks Mobile Dental



Program. Once we were able to get back on the Elks schedule and they began stopping here, Carol made the contacts with the schools and dorms and scheduled the students to see the dentist. I will give her and the Elks dentists the credit for the tremendous improvement in our students oral hygiene.

Carol has been one of the most dependable employees I have ever supervised or even worked with. I knew if she was scheduled, it would take an act of God for her not to be at work! Sometimes even the acts of God, like snow or rain or power outages, couldn't stop her from being where she was supposed to be when she was supposed to be there. It has been an adjustment since Carol retired in April but we are working through it. Congratulations and happy retirement.

—Susie Anderson

### Ruth Ann Dodd

When people retire — and if they retire after working for the same school for almost 32 year, they might not remember everything that happened during those many years. So I'd like to tell you some of the things that RAD **can** and **can't remember**.

She can remember that she worked as a classroom teacher in Stark School for 10 years.

So she left the classroom at Stark and started working with families with deaf and hard of hearing children below the age of 5, Project Outreach. So she moved from the classroom to the kitchen table and the floor.

She can remember that she was the state coordinator for Project Outreach for 22 years.

She can remember that she has led 9 Family Fun and Learning Retreats.

But she can't remember how many Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandparents, cousins and other sundry relatives have been touched by the program she has led.

She can't remember how many

parent advisors she has trained.

She can't remember how many parents she has reassured.

She can't remember how many times she has knelt down to get on the same eye level as a toddler.

She can't remember how many times she has given a Kleenex to a parent or how many times a parent has given a Kleenex to her

She can't remember how many late night phone calls she's received.

She can't remember how many babies she has burped.

And certainly can't remember anything about diapers.

She can't remember how many times she's said, "but that's not right, we've gotta do something about that."

She can't remember how many times she's said "we've gotta get a Parent Advisor for that family, it shouldn't matter that they live in the sticks."

Or how many times she said, "the business office just called. . . I'm in trouble again."

Two years ago Ruth Ann came close to retirement. So close that she was given a rocking chair by her loyal supporters. However, she chose not to use it at that time. And I'm pleased to announce that although this time, it is the REAL RETIREMENT, she will continue on a part-time basis. So this is the LONG GOODbye,

Join me in congratulating Ruth Ann on "transition".

—Allan Ensor

### Retired Stark Staff and Friends Bid Farewell to Ruth Ann



First row: Mary Ann Herring, Betty Lewis, Karen Barnhart, Erma Dunn. Second row: Catherine Cuthbertson (former secretary in Stark for 25 years), Helen Davis, Ruth Ann Dodd, Marge Barnes. Back row: Beryl Purcell, Barbara Stassel, Jackie Frame, Mary Virginia Baker, Carol Adams, Betty Bates and Nola Adams.

This past summer a farewell reception for Ruth Ann was held in the home of Betty Bates where all enjoyed fellowship and backward glances down memory lane. Nola Garner Adams says, "Ruth Ann Wright Dodd finally decided to hang it up and retire, partially that is. She continues to work part-time serving deaf/hard of hearing children and their parents through the Outreach Program that she founded and directed. Ruth Ann arrived at the Missouri School for the Deaf right out of college. She was young and so wanted to do everything correctly, yet admits to being scared and unsure of herself those first few weeks of her teaching career. It was Helen Davis and Barbara Stassel who stepped up, becoming mentors for Ruth Ann as well as life long friends. The bonus was having Catherine Cuthbertson in town for the occasion"

—Nola Garner Adams

## Gary Bonsall, Jr., Transfers to Student Services

In August of 2003, Gary was transferred from Dormitory Director to School Counselor in Student Services.



In 1989, while attending college full-time he came to MSD as a houseparent in the old Stark building on a part-time basis. This was under the supervision of Audrey Spencer.

In August of 1993, he was transferred to Tate Hall as a houseparent and started working full-time as well as attending college full-time to finish his B.A. degree in psychology. He worked as a houseparent for five months and was promoted to Assistant Dorm Director. In February of 1995, he was promoted again to Dormitory Director and held that position until August of 2003.

After completing his B.A. degree in 1993, he immediately began working on his M.Ed. in counseling at Lincoln University. He completed his M.Ed. in December of 1996.

He is wearing a different hat now as a school counselor and is working toward getting his School Psychological Examiner's certification in addition to elementary and secondary school counseling certification. This will enable MSD to provide additional services that Vocational Rehabilitation is in need of in addition to a number of other services. He is also looking for opportunities to integrate a guidance curriculum with regular classroom instruction.

When he first began working at MSD, he had no intentions of staying. His goal was to finish college and be on his way, but found that he enjoyed working with children so much that he decided to stay. He feels the transfer is a tremendous opportunity and is pleased that he can apply what he learned in college. He says, "There

aren't many jobs that give a person the opportunity to help others learn and grow 40 hours a week. MSD is a great place to work and the primary reason for that is because of all of the caring people that work here. I have enjoyed the last 14 years and look forward to many more."

## John Jacobs

MSD has a new Plant Maintenance Engineer, John Jacobs.



John was promoted to this position upon the retirement of Mike Healy September 1, 2003.

John started July 1, 1986 as a Maintenance Worker I and then was promoted to Maintenance Worker II March 1, 1992.

## Dick Cloud

Dick Cloud has been promoted to Maintenance Worker II September 1, 2003. Dick came to MSD as a Maintenance Worker I October 21, 1996.

## New Secretary for the Vocational Department

Sara Lair comes to MSD from William Woods University where she was working in the Computer Helpdesk Department as a User Support Technician. Her position there was in the technical support of the computers, multiple operating systems and equipment maintenance.



Sara (Branham) Lair was born and raised in Fulton, MO. Her family has been in Fulton for three generations. She attended Fulton High School and also attended classes at William Woods University studying Computer Information Systems. Her family includes 2 children; Sydney (9 years old) and Daniel (7 years old), 4 brothers, and her parents.

MSD welcomes Sara.

## MSD Service Awards August 15, 2003

### 5 Years

Trisha DeBrodie  
Amy Flowers  
Allison Gohring

### 10 years

Patricia Ross  
Dave Dunavant

### 15 Years

Sharon Quick  
Jeff Galbreath  
Luke Hegadorn  
Evelyn Nelson  
Diana Allen  
Becky Payne

### 20 Years

Carol Adams  
Nancy Foster  
Dawn Culbertson

### 25 Years

Roy Carrington  
Naomi Spencer

## New Resource Teacher at Rice

Don Coleman arrived at MSD in October. He holds a Masters Degree in Special Education/Behavior Disorders from the University of Arizona and a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education in Social Studies.

He comes to MSD from Columbia where he worked as a special education teacher and diagnostician for the Department of Corrections.

He is a father of three children and one granddaughter. He is closer to his parents now who live in Southern Illinois, where they raise and train horses.

Don coaches both baseball and basketball. In his spare time, of which there is very little, he plays volleyball and tennis and designs model train layouts. MSD welcomes Don.



# MSD's David Haus Honored for 25 Years of Athletic Service

—by Chris Newbrough  
Fulton Sun

For Missouri School for the Deaf athletic director David Haus, his biggest hurdle as a coach and athletic director hasn't been winning games on the court or setting up schedules for MSD's sports teams.

"The biggest challenge to me has been keeping students involved at a high level in athletics," Haus said. "Trying to start them out at a young age so they are able to develop their talent rather than just look for natural ability.

"We have a good student-life program here, and we have a good relationship working with the YMCA to help get them started. Then, when they get in junior high, they have some basic skills to work with and grow."

Haus was recognized by the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for his effort over 27 years at MSD.

Haus was honored with a plaque marking at least 25 years of service in high school athletics. Requirements for the award include being involved in coaching for 25 years and serving as an athletic director for at least 12 of those years.

"I very much appreciate being recognized for work being done," Haus said. "People know the stresses and challenges to be an athletic director. To be honored by my peers is very rewarding."

Haus began his career at MSD in 1974 as a teacher of a self-contained class of eighth-graders. He didn't move into the role of athletic director or girls' varsity basketball coach right away.

"When I first started I was the 'C' team track coach," Haus explained. "When I took the job as athletic director, the position was open at that time. I felt like I was ready for another challenge developing new coaches, ... help them have the success they have had.

"I felt I was moving on to another level of not just coaching athletes, but also coaching coaches."

Haus recalled his tenure as head coach of the girls' basketball teams and pinpointed some highlights throughout the years.

"The late '80s and early '90s we had some very talented basketball teams," Haus said. "In 1990, we had a 21-5 season and were ranked No. 1 by the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and another Deaf organization had us at No. 2.

"Several of the teams in that era were very well-balanced. It was a good era," Haus said the most important quality to have as an athletic director was patience.

"You have to have a lot of that sometimes with the student-athletes, as well as the coaches," he said. "Sometimes it's harder working with the coaches because they come in and are real gung-ho, but don't understand the development of the athletes."

Being an athletic director for 12 years would be wearing on anyone, but Haus has an avid supporter in his wife, Jill.

"She's my No. 1 supporter," he pointed out. "She does the chain gang



Athletic Director David Haus receives a plaque from Jack Miles representing the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for his 25 years of service connected to athletics.

on the sidelines at the football games and helps score track meets. I'm fortunate that she enjoys that, so this job doesn't take me away from her. It gives us something we can do together."

Even though Haus has pretty much spent his whole career at MSD, deaf education wasn't his main area of concentration while in college.

"I met my wife at the college I was attending, and she was in deaf education," he said. "Part of the reason was because she has a deaf brother. So over a period of time, I did find an interest in deaf education. I thought I would try it for one semester. I was encouraged by one of the teachers. That was in 1971, I think, and so it's been a long time being in that one semester."

"I found that I enjoyed the work and enjoyed the challenge working with the deaf. They are a wonderful group of people to work with, and I've had a lot of good relations with students that I have taught and staff that I've worked with. I was very fortunate in taking a chance in something I had no background in."

—Chris Newbrough  
Fulton Sun

# Soaring Eagle Awards

## Ron Danuser, Assistant Dorm Director, Awarded the Soaring Eagle Award for May.

Per his nominator: "Ron is a dedicated employee whose sole focus has been planning activities which benefits our students. He has been extremely involved with the students and focused on positive behavior and demonstrated leadership skills in the dorms. We are very fortunate to have an employee who has shown unwavering enthusiasm and always projected a positive can-do attitude."

Congratulations Ron!



## Barbie McGrath Receives the September Soaring Eagle Award

Per her nominator "Barbara is skilled at multi-tasking and does so with the most pleasant attitude. She is rarely absent from work, intensely motivated, dedicated, provides excellent suggestions, is highly dependable and accurate with minimal supervision. Simply stated, Barbara displays the personality, knowledge and skills that any employer seeks from an employee and goes "above and beyond" expectations in her completion of responsibilities."



## Mary Althiser Recipient of the October Soaring Eagle Award and Named DESE Employee of the Year

Per her nominator "Mary takes employee education very seriously. She works extremely well with her assistant to ensure employees know the correct information when it comes to knowledge of benefits and compensation. Through her efforts, employees are better indoctrinated upon hiring. Additionally, Mary makes payroll run smoothly and keeps employees forever informed of reasons for variances in pay."

In October, Mary Althiser was named by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as DESE Employee of the Month. A reception was held for her in Ingle Auditorium where she was presented with a plaque. MSD faculty and staff applaud Mary for this accomplishment.



Top: Ron Danuser. Center: Dick Keller, Barbie McGrath and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean. Right: Mary Althiser and Superintendent Barbara Garrison.



# Learning More About China Painting! — Barbara Jones

On October 3, Nancy West, a local famed china painter, again volunteered her time and visited the Rice School Art room. She taught some new techniques and creative ideas she learned at a china painting workshop in Kansas City over the summer. Mrs. Janet Healy, Teacher, and Barbara Jones, Teacher Aide, learned and helped with the sessions that all Rice Students were involved in.

Mrs. West helped students learn more about china paints, mixing colors and several new china painting techniques. She then helped students create their own fish on china mugs.

Some students learned more about sponging on their pieces as well as adding dimensional dots. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to more china painting projects for the holidays!!



Top: Brenda learns new techniques from Nancy West as Brian looks on. Left: Nancy West checks out Ryan's china painted fish. Right: Dominic shows off the fish he china painted.



## DESE Employee of the Month

Ron Danuser Assistant Dorm Director, was selected as Employee of the Month for the month of June by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education in Jefferson City. "Ron was a dedicated employee whose sole focus was to plan activities which benefitted our students." Ron and his family moved to Pagosa Springs,

Colorado this past summer. He will be missed by his MSD family. **Note:** He invites you to email him at: [rmed\\_mountain@hotmail.com](mailto:rmed_mountain@hotmail.com)

## 911 Remembered by MSD

(continued from page 2)

The flag displayed on the board is a copy of the flag carried by Lewis and Clark's Corp of Discovery as they moved west. It is the fifteen star, fifteen stripe flag that was the official flag at the time of the departure in 1804, and the same flag was the official flag flying when Francis Scott Key, composed "The Star Spangled Banner", later to be known as "Old Glory."



## Family Fun and Learning Retreat

MSD's annual Family Fun and Learning Retreat (FFLR) for families of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children was an outstanding success. Families had the opportunity to meet Deaf adults, receive information about their child's development, communication and language related issues. The FFLR staff is made up of teachers of the Deaf from the Missouri School for the Deaf, public schools with programs for the Deaf, and interpreter volunteers from across the state.

While children were involved in their daily activities, parents met to learn about deafness, discipline and emotional issues. They heard from a Deaf panel on their experiences growing up. Of course, FUN is what the weekend was all about — Fun networking with other parents, FUN meeting and visiting with Deaf Adults, FUN playing family softball and FUN getting away from home. For information about next year's FFLR, contact (573) 592-4000, MSD's website: <http://www.msd.k12.mo.us> or by email: [aensor@msd.k12.mo.us](mailto:aensor@msd.k12.mo.us).

—Ruth Ann Dodd



(1) Patiently waiting. (2) Owen has fun on the slide. (3) Getting ready for the family barbeque. (4) Brenda Weggenman, Eddie Ross and Jan Fribel assist children in making "I Love You Napkin Holders."





Brenda Weggenman, Johnny, Natalie Long, Claire Bugen and Ruth Ann Dodd.

### ASDC "Family Reunion"

July 26-31, 2003, the American Society for Deaf Children held its bi-annual "Family Reunion" at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin.

Natalie Long, ASDC President from Holts Summit, Missouri welcomed sixty families from around the United States to this year's event. During the week, the families were in workshops learning about new technology for the Deaf, hearing from a teen panel, grandparent panel, reading strategies to use at home and numerous timely issues relating to Deafness. The children were in groups according to age. They spent one day at a local water park, visited various parks within the city limits of Austin and made new friends.

Mrs. Claire Bugen, Superintendent of the Texas School for the Deaf welcomed the families to her fine institution. Mrs. Bugen is a former teacher in Rice Middle School, where she and Mr. Richard Reed co-authored the book, *"A Process Approach to Developing Language with Hearing-Impaired Children."*

Others in attendance from the Missouri School for the Deaf were Brenda Weggenmann and her son, Johnny. Mrs. Weggenmann is the new parent representative of MSD's Board of Advisors. Johnny attends the middle school at MSD. He is student council

president. Ruth Ann Dodd, retired Outreach Coordinator at MSD was also in attendance. Ruth Ann and Natalie presented a workshop entitled, "Parent and Professionals Working Together As a Team". All participants brought back a lot of information and had a wonderful time and made many new friends.

While there they visited Shawn and Linda Hill and their adorable daughter Isabelle.

—Ruth Ann Dodd

### New MSD Advisory Board Member



Brenda Weggenmann has been named to the MSD Advisory Board. She is the parent of Rice School student Johnny Weggenmann. She has two other children.

She graduated in 1979 from South County Technical High School and attended Meramec Community College for Business Office Education

and American Sign Language coursework.

Mrs. Weggenmann's volunteer activities include:

- Parent Organization Northwest R-1 School District
- Girl Scout leader and Assistant Leader
- Central Institute for the Deaf
- Mike Bush Fantasy Baseball Camp for the Hearing Impaired
- Missouri School for the Deaf Family Fun and Learning Retreat
- Windsor Elementary School Library
- Cub Scout Den Leader
- Missouri School for the Deaf Parent Organization

Mrs. Weggenmann is personally experienced in oral, sign language, cochlear implants, public school mainstreaming, residential school options for deaf children and currently works as a Parent Advisor with Missouri School for the Deaf's Early Intervention Outreach Program. She is also a Cyber-Mentor for the American Society of Deaf Children.

She is a strong advocate who is not afraid to speak her mind, an excellent role model and her stamina never waivers in keeping the child first. She will certainly be an asset to the advisory board.

## Attention Class of 1986

We have a reunion year coming up in three years "2006". It is time to start finding everyone. Please email your information to:

[msdclassof1986@yahoo.com](mailto:msdclassof1986@yahoo.com)



## Jr. NAD Swim-A-Thon



MSD held its first fund raising Swim-A-Thon this fall. The event was sponsored by Jr. NAD members and their sponsors Ellen Foshay and Naomi Spencer. Money raised from the event was used to send two MSD representatives to the Jr NAD National Conference at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. It is being hosted by MSSD.

Almost all of the swimmers succeeded in meeting their goal. In spite of several leg cramps, they worked hard.

A special thanks goes to Jean Steiferman and Kevin Voelker for giving of their time to be lifeguards, Kevin Spencer for taking pictures and Jennifer Hampton for counting laps.

(1) Sponsors Ellen Foshay and Naomi Spencer give instructions for the event. (2) Kira. (3) Dylan. (4) Lifeguard Kevin Voelker. (5) Kevin. (6) Billy. (7) Lifeguard Jean Steiferman. (8) Brannndon. (9) Monielle.

**Kevin**  
75 laps

**Brannndon  
& Nick**  
65 laps

**Kira**  
50 laps  
(half for Tonya Foster)

**Dylan  
Kyle**  
50 laps

**Ellen  
Monielle**  
30 laps

**Frannie**  
25 laps

**Billy**  
20 laps



## Susan Anderson Attends Conference for School Nurses

MSD Health Center Supervisor, Susan Anderson RN, was among 34 nurses from 17 schools who attended the 2003 National Association of School Nurses for the Deaf conference at the Indiana School for the Deaf from July 16-18.



The NASND was created in 1992 by nurses who worked with Deaf students and in schools for the Deaf who wanted to better meet the health needs of Deaf students everywhere. NASND's mission is to enhance the quality of health education and services to Deaf students through education, networking, and promoting effective communication between Deaf and hearing.

NASND is the only professional nursing organization to have health education for the Deaf as its focus. Membership is open to school nurses across the nation who are working with Deaf students. Susan served as President of NASND from 1995-1997 and remained on the board as Past President from 1997 to 1999.

The 2003 conference included topics on cochlear implants, sports injuries, peer education and confidentiality of health information in the school setting. Networking gave nurses who are new to nursing a chance to learn from the experience of longtime Deaf school nurses. The longtime members benefited from the newcomers' enthusiasm and fresh perspective.

All the nurses were excited to meet with others who share their unique work setting and get information that will help them provide better care for students.

For more information about NASND, contact Susan at the MSD Health Center, 573-592-2548, email her at [sanderson@msd.k12.mo.us](mailto:sanderson@msd.k12.mo.us), or check out the association's web site at [www.nasnd.org](http://www.nasnd.org)

Summer/Fall 2003

## Student Council Blood Drive



*Above: Rice School Supervisor Dee Peneston chats with Bethany and Patty Colter as she donates blood. Below: Teacher Marilyn Barnard revives with a snack.*



The Student Council sponsored their annual Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, October 9 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in Harrison Gym.

The goal this year was 35 pints. They did not meet their goal but collected 19 pints of which four donors were first timers.

It is a privilege for MSD to take part in a blood drive. There is a constant need for blood. Every two seconds in our country someone receives blood or a blood product. The need for blood is constant and investing an hour of your time, three lives can be touched.

Because of a volleyball game in Minnesota most of the student council members were gone, but thanks to the following students we had plenty of help: LaToya Shannon, Tabitha Smith, Amber Turner, Brandi Bernings, Terra Sutherlin, David Bradley, Bethany Wills, Amer Kovacavic, Rachel Jones and Keith Fletcher.

Thanks to all for their help and for those who donated blood.

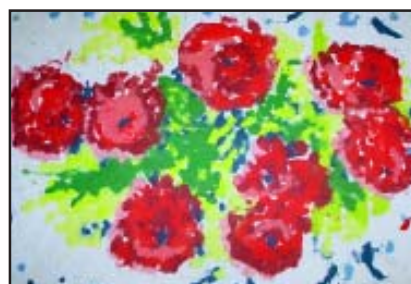
—Carol Adams  
Priscilla Robinson, Sponsors

# Student Art Work on Display at DESE

The art students at MSD Wheeler High School had their art work exhibited at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education offices in Jefferson City. Students in art class during the spring semester 2003 and the fall semester 2003, had the opportunity to submit work for this exhibit.

The students' work that was selected met the appropriate requirements and quality. From the submitted work, seventeen students had twenty three pieces selected, and the art work hung in the hallway adjacent to the State Board of Education meeting room the month of October.

It was an honor to have been able to show their work. —Debbie Ripley



Left, top: *Teapot*, Brittany grade 9. Left, below: *Teapot*, T.J. grade 12. Center, top: *Chagall*, Tonya grade 11. Center, below: *Ninja*, Brannndon D grade 11. Right, from top to bottom: *Landscape*, Angelo grade 9. *Wolves*, Brandon, grade 12. *Roses*, Deidre grade 9. *Horse*, Tabitha grade 10. *Tiger*, Frannie grade 11.





Left top: *Cats*, Faith graduate 2003. Left center: *Eagle*, Monielle grade 11. Left below: *Frog*, Frannie grade 11. Right top: *Flowers*, Jason graduate 2003. 12. Right below: *Turtle*, Rosa grade 12.

**NOTE:** The rest of the pictures that were on display will be shown in the next issue of the *Missouri Record*.



# Horticulture Class Builds Water Garden

Starting in the fall of 2002 a major project was undertaken by the horticulture class under the direction of Dawn Culbertson. Many of the shrubs, perennials and annuals in the garden were started as seed and grown in the greenhouse by the Horticulture classes. The class was privileged to be building a garden in honor of the Reeds. Knowing who it was for and keeping the secret made it more enjoyable for those who worked and cared for the garden.



*Top left:* Beginning of the center mound. *Bottom left:* Instructor Dawn Culbertson mans the drill to build the waterfall assisted by Amber, Tonya and Monielle. *Top right:* Monielle and Charles Galbreath test the water fall. *Bottom right:* Tim and Candice place rocks and landscape fabric around the mound.





*Top left:* Crystal, Patty Colter, Darla Schutzenhofer, Dawn Culbertson, Brandi and Candice place landscape fabric. *Left center:* Adam, Trudie McNece and Megan dig out the old cherry tree stump. *Below left:* Patty Colter, Carissa, Adam and Kevin Voelker lend a hand.



*Top right:* Adam and Tim place mulch in the pathway. *Right middle:* Sarah places stepping stones in the path. *Below right:* Dawn Culbertson, Faith, Sarah and Adam mulch around stepping stones.





*Top left: Faith planting perennials. Top right: Jason planting an evergreen. Center left: Faith and Adam placing the Eagle into the garden — the Eagle and gazing benches were gifts from the 2003 Senior Class. Center right: Damon mulches around the evergreen shrubs. Left: View of the newly completed Water Garden.*



# Dedication of the Richard and Marthada Reed Water Garden



On a beautiful fall morning in October, the newly established Water Garden was dedicated to Richard and Marthada Reed. The morning started off with a warm welcome from Superintendent Garrison to the staff, students and special guests.

In introducing the Reeds she said, "It is an exciting day in celebration of the gifts that Richard and Marthada Reed have given the Missouri School for the Deaf. When MSD adds a building, a room, or a space through remodeling or creation, there is cause for celebration. It is a time for reflection on the purpose of the space being dedicated.

Last year, we regrettably bid a sad farewell to a beautiful old cherry tree that had brightened the courtyard just outside the auditorium for many, many years. Not only did that tree provide a beautiful pink umbrella in the spring, a cool green shade in the summer, a yellow array in the fall and a beautiful skeleton in the winter . . . it was also home to a variety of birds and "Grandpa Squirrel".

The empty space that remained after the tree was removed was in need of some tender loving care. Today that ground has been transformed into a focal point for our MSD family, visitors and members of the community.

It provides: beds of flowers, trees and shrubbery that change colors

throughout the year, a waterfall that serves not only to the serene peacefulness of the garden — but as an oasis to birds, rabbits, squirrels and other yet unnoticed creatures, a pond that has become "home" to our adopted fish and a haven to tropical plants that are thriving there, a pathway that lets us view the garden from every advantage point, an eagle to remind us of the school's mascot, benches so that we can sit, ponder, meditate and catch up on the latest news, and the memory of the "team effort" shown in its creation.

The Water Garden in the courtyard between the Wheeler Administration Building and Ingle Auditorium is the creation of the Horticulture students with the leadership of their instructor, Dawn Culbertson, and teacher aides Patty Colter and Darla Schutzenhofer who planned, designed, measured, re-designed, assembled, disassembled, re-assembled and ultimately landscaped the garden. Thanks to:

"The Auto Body Repair instructor Charles Galbreath and his students who aided in the assembly and testing of the waterfall.

Mike Healy and John Jacobs along with the maintenance crew for removal of the cherry tree and its roots, the digging for the pond and the hauling of dirt for the cascading waterfall.

The Senior Class of 2003 for the statue of the school's mascot and the benches surrounding the garden."

We applaud the endless efforts that two of our former employees have given the school . . . Richard and Marthada Reed. Our association with this couple has had an immeasurable impact on our lives, in our hearts and



to our spirits. Let's take a walk down memory lane."

The walk down memory lane was a power point presentation of the horticulture class building the garden and pictures depicting the life of Richard and Marthada from their early days at MSD to the present and into retirement.

Former Mayor Robert Fisher stood in for Mayor Robert Craghead in the presentation of a Proclamation. Robert Fisher is the grandson of Henry Gross and his roots are deep into MSD's history.

With hearts full of emotion Dick and Marthada expressed appreciation for the honor bestowed on them with the following: "We do appreciate the dedication of this beautiful water garden in our names. I think the water garden is a wonderful display. It adds to the beauty of the MSD campus.

"Teacher Dawn Culbertson, her teacher aides, Darla Schutzenhofer and Patty Colter, and the horticulture students have demonstrated remarkable skill and exquisite taste in their design and construction of the garden. The success of this project was also made possible by the work of the maintenance staff, headed by Mike Healy and John Jacobs. The maintenance people did the heavy work of removing a tree, bringing in top soil and installing electricity for the water pump. Thanks to all the people involved in this wonderful project and to you, my friends, for coming to this dedication."

*(continued on page 44  
pictures on page 24-25)*

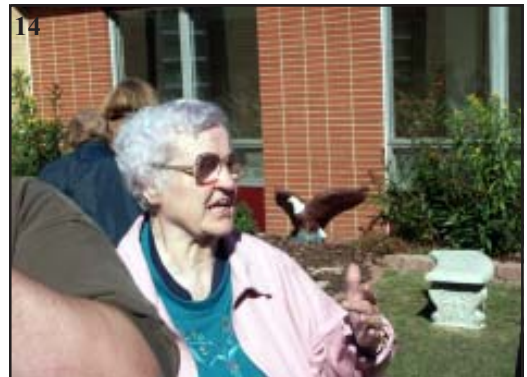
# Richard and Marthada Ree



(1) Robert Fisher presents a proclamation from Mayor Robert Craghead to Richard and Marthada. (2) Students enjoy walking through the garden. (3) Katherine Rice a former MSD Board Member. (4) Betty Lewis and Betty Bates enjoy a chat with Marilyn Barnard. (5) Cyndra and David McDavid stroll through the garden. (6) Richard and Marthada cut the ribbon assisted by Earl O'Rourke, Reverend Raymond McCallister, Robert Fisher and Judy Basteen representatives from the Chamber of Commerce. (7) Horticulture teacher Dawn Culbertson chats with Shirley Payne. (8) Charlotte Hamilton leads the way through the garden with former MSD Board Member Roy Fishback in the background.



# ed Water Garden Dedication



(9) Former teachers Judy Ebersole and Jackie Frame serve punch. (10) Julie Eaker and Katherine Rice stop to inspect the flowers. (11) The crowd gathers in the courtyard for the ribbon cutting. (12) Helen and Dick Davis stop to have their picture taken with Keith Benfield. (13) Former baking instructor Leonard Taylor and his wife Aline. (14) Former houseparent Mary Ann West. (15) Roy Fishback, Pat O'Rourke and Sandy Fritz enjoy a chat.



## Roger Dale Davis

Former MSD employee Roger Davis passed away Thursday, August 28, 2003, at his home.

Roger started working at MSD in February of 1973 as a “houseparent aide” in Tate Hall. In September of 1973 he started as a teacher and coach in Wheeler HS. He later became Athletic Director and in 1988 he was named High School supervisor. In 1993, Roger left MSD to become Assistant Principal of Fulton Middle School, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director of Fulton High School, and then Principal of Fulton High School.

His education included Specialist Degree in Educational Administration, M.A. Educational Administration, and B.S.E. in Physical Education.

He was born on May 6, 1947, in Fulton, the son of Glenn R. and Nelda (Collins) Davis. On June 2, 1984 he was united in marriage to Linda Pinkerton, who survives.

He is survived by his father, Glenn R. Davis, of Fulton; his children, Kim Wyland of Atlanta, GA; Alison Wheeler of McKinney, TX; Tyler Davis, Whitney Davis and Hilary Davis all of Fulton; brother Darrell Davis of Fulton; grandchildren, Davis Wheeler, Olivia Hope Wyland, and Samuel Glenn Wheeler; niece Amy Davis; nephews, Adam Davis, Ryan Klemt, Chris Klemt, and Alex Blanche Jr.; first wife, Lynne Neal. His mother, Nelda Davis preceded Mr. Davis in death.

Mr. Davis served his country in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969 and served in the infantry during the Vietnam Era from February 1968-February 1969.

His administrative accomplishments included: Chairperson P.B.T.E. State Schools Committee, Member of Career Ladder Committee for State

Schools, established Enrichment Workshops, established Principal Advisory Committee, Implemented Gifted Program, Organized Renaissance Program, and Member of Strategic Planning Committee.

He was awarded many honors: DESE Employee of the Month in August of 1992, Northeast District Representative of M.I.A.A. in 1995, National Deaf Basketball Coach of the Year in 1986-1987, M.S.D. Track Team Coach that placed 2nd in State in 1979 and 3rd in 1980 and 1981, and 1A Track Coach of the year in 1979. He was a member of the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals (N.A.S.S.P) and the Association of School Curriculum Development (A.S.C.D.) He was elected to the Fulton District No. 58 School Board in 1990 and served until 1993. While on the school board he was president from 1992-1993. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 2657.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 31, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Fulton High School Gymnasium with Rev. Ray Dunlap officiating. Interment was held in the Callaway Memorial Gardens in Fulton with Full Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Roger Davis Memorial Fund, for the Davis Children’s College Fund or Fulton High School Athletic Wall of Fame. —*Fulton Sun*

### Thoughts from Linda Davis

Linda read a letter she had written and read to those in attendance. The following is reprinted in part —

“Dear Cancer,

You entered our lives with a vengeance — unannounced and uninvited on July 31, 2002.

Your mission was to perhaps destroy us — physically, emotionally, mentally and financially.

I am afraid Cancer you underestimated our strength, for I doubt you had ever encountered anyone like Roger Davis before.

We knew we would be changed by cancer but we vowed not to be reduced by it.

Thus, Cancer — we wanted you to know, that in all your attempts to defeat us you have failed for you probably didn’t realize that by entering our world, you would bring a whole new perspective to our lives . . .

Look around the gym today — look at the wall proudly bearing his name. You will see the impact this man left on all of us and believe me each and everyone of us will continue to live life to the fullest, and carry on his spirit. Whether the spirit of life, the spirit of family or the spirit of School.

So, Cancer — you may have taken our beloved Roger in physical nature but you failed to see that he left a strong spirit and more important a legacy for living life to the fullest in his five children, grandchildren, father, brother, wife, teachers, students, coaches, secretaries, administrators, friends, janitors and even painters.

“His spirit lives on in each of us.”

—*Linda Davis*

The service was concluded with remarks by daughters Kim and Alison, confirmed by Linda, “Several weeks ago Dad called on his long drive home from Myrtle Beach. He was in Chattanooga and we suggested that maybe he should stop and spend the night. He said, ‘No, Hon, I’m going to “punch-it-on-in” and be in Fulton around midnight.’ He did. That was our Dad.”

—*Kim and Allison*

*Note: Linda Davis was a member of the Missouri School for the Deaf faculty from 1981-1990. She came to MSD as a Stark School teacher. She later transferred to Wheeler Hall in September of 1987 where she started the computerMSD Missouri School to pursue her career at William Woods*



### Special Thoughts About Roger Davis from Co-Workers

Former Superintendent Peter Ripley said, "Roger is a man for whom I had a great deal of respect. I especially remember the summer he worked at the brick plant...not sure which one...and then drove each day to Warrensburg . . . and back that night so he could take the course work necessary to be certified to teach Driver Education. He then got up early and started all over again the next day. He went back to school for administration credentials while he was working. I doubt he ever missed a days work and most days he was in the office before 6am. Roger had high expectations for the faculty under his supervision and he always tried to maintain the best student discipline so that learning could take place in the classroom without interruption. He was very impatient with students or staff who did not give 110% to any task. He never asked anyone to do anything that he was not willing to do himself or had done. I will miss him as I know Fulton schools will. That he was respected, is certainly evident by the large gathering for the dedication of the gymnasium and his funeral service."

Bob Alexander said, "we spent a lot of time together over the years, he was just a fine guy and he will be missed."

Allen Ensor said, "we really hated to lose him, but he was going back to his roots as a true Hornet at Fulton High School."

Fulton High School Superintendent Mark Enderle said, "he was the physical embodiment of Fulton High School. When you think of one you think of the other. As a coach, teacher and principal he has touched lives that will help form our future. A future that will be better for the important role he's played in it's shaping."

Tom Zengel says, "I remember Roger as a good athletic director, school supervisor and cost center manager who really enjoyed interacting with the high school students. My best memory was playing golf together. We played at the Fulton Country Club where Roger treated me to 18 holes of golf. I remember having a good day through 16 holes and was 3 up on him. On the 17th I five putted the hole for an 8 and he got a par 4 to beat me. He always accused me of throwing the game because he had treated me to a free golf game (not true, though)."

Rogers' brother, Darrell Davis, has had the pleasure of working with him for the past 8 years. He says, "they enjoyed each others company both at work and at school. They shared 1973 NCAA Basketball championships, many trips to Las Vegas, MU football games, Cardinal games, but best of all were the Fulton Hornet games. They have passed the love of sports on to their children. At his last teacher's meeting Roger told the staff at Fulton High School to put a smile on one students face each day. He said having Roger for a brother has been Priceless!"

David Haus said, "There was only one time I can remember Roger Davis not giving a 100% effort in all the years I knew him. He had a good reason at that time. He was coaching a basketball game and in his excitement of communicating to his players and the officials, he ripped his pants at the back. That was the only time I can remember him staying at his seat and not getting up to make his point to his team or the officials. Win or lose, Roger was always in the game finding a way to get the best out of those he worked with in sports, education and all areas of life."

One final word from Karen Barnhart: "Roger Davis is a man who has touched the lives of many student and teachers at MSD and Fulton High School. He is one of the most dedicated educators that I have ever known. His job and his family have always been #1 both at MSD and Fulton High School. I love you Roger."

*Univeristy as an instructor in the computer department. She too has been missed by all at MSD.*

Business Manager Tom Zengel loves to tell the following story about Linda taking the children fishing: "I had told Roger that sometimes I fished out at Little Dixie Lake. He told me that Linda had never gone fishing and was asking him to go with her. So one day he asked her to come to my office and ask me where the best place at Little Dixie was to fish from the shore, how deep the line should be, etc., as Roger was going to take her and the kids the next weekend. Well, something came up and Roger was not

able to go. Linda had looked forward to it and took the kids by herself. When I asked Linda how the fishing trip went the next Monday she was somewhat embarrassed. Seems she had gone to the place I told her about and caught a fish. It wasn't until then that she realized that she or the kids would have to take the fish off the hook. Neither the kids or Linda would volunteer to touch the flapping fish on the ground so she told me she took a scissors and cut the line above the hook and let the fish swim away with the hook still in its mouth. That ended their fishing day. I remember Roger thought that was a funny story."

### Fulton High School Renames Gym in Honor of the Late Roger Davis.

For proof of Roger Davis' impact on his hometown, look no further than the writing on the wall in the gymnasium that now bears his name.

In a ceremony that was memorial, part pep rally, an exuberant yet respectful gathering of students, staff, family and community members dedicated the Fulton High School gymnasium in the late principal's memory.

He died the night before the dedication. Roger Davis made an impact on all those he came in contact with.

# Washington Chosen as New MSD Athletic Director

by Chris Newbrough, *The Fulton Sun*



David Haus stepped down as athletic director at the Missouri School for the Deaf to become the school's vocational supervisor.

Longtime MSD coach and teacher Ella Washington replaces Haus. She assumed her new duties July 1.

"I had an opportunity to take a full-time position as the vocational supervisor," Haus explained. "I knew we had a competent person for the athletic director's job and she would do a good job at it."

Washington — who has coached the high school track and volleyball teams and has also taught physical education at MSD since the early 1980s — almost didn't apply for the position when it became available in May.

"After David announced his retirement from the athletic director position, my husband said, 'Maybe you should interview for the position,'" Washington said. "I had to think about it."

"I knew David put in a lot of hours, and I had to weigh it and see. We have four children, (Jeremy, Isaiah, Talisha and Rachel) so after

some thought — and talking it over with my family — I decided to throw my hat into the ring, so to speak."

Washington interviewed in the morning and found out the same afternoon she had been named to the position. Haus noted that Washington possesses many of the qualities the school was looking for in an athletic director, and her history at MSD was also a contributing factor.

"She knows how to work with the students at any level," Haus said. "She can develop talent. She's proven that over the years by being able to bring kids in at an awkward age and develop them."

"She has shown everything that is wanted in a coach and as a teacher. She's a parent also and knows how to wear many different hats."

Washington learned about her hiring while teaching class.

"The assistant superintendent came in and told me, and I was like 'What? Really?'," she said with a laugh. "He came in the room with such a somber look on his face, so I was really surprised."

Washington said the news was a

nice shock, and everyone in her family was very supportive and happy. Well, almost everyone.

"When I told the kids, everyone was happy except for (9-year-old daughter) Rachel," Washington said with a chuckle. "I told the kids and my husband that if I was going to take this job. I was going to have to have help from them both at school and at home. We're going to make this a family affair."

Rachel, who sat and listened at the end of the dinner table while her mom was being interviewed, said she didn't like the fact that her mom would be changing offices.

"I won't be able to play in her office anymore," Rachel Washington said with a sad smile on her face.

Washington pointed out that Rachel was upset because her current office was filled with equipment she used to help teach her physical education classes. Washington's new office won't have those same amenities.

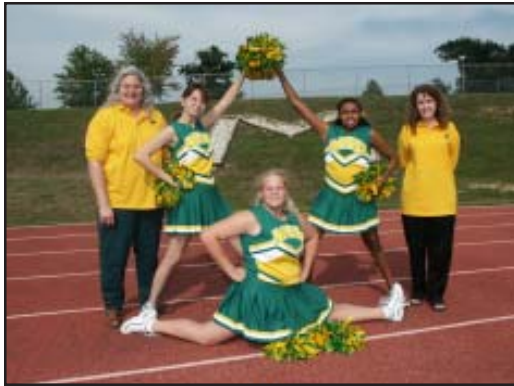
Washington said she has no major changes in store for the sports programs at MSD.

"To tell you the truth, I really haven't had time to look. I've been busy trying to wrap up one end now, and trying to get ready to move to another position," she said. "I don't know what I would do differently. David has done such a wonderful job as the athletics director. My goal at this point is to continue the program in an upward direction."





# Fall Sports Gets Underway at MSD



**Top:** Cheerleaders — Assistant Coach Debbie Burnaman, Tonya, Kira, Moniell and Head Coach Jennifer Hampton.



**Below:** Cross Country — Billy and Coach Robert Morris, Jr.

**Top right:** Football — First row: Brannndon, Cory , Dani , Brandon, Brandon, Damon. Second row: Coach Michael Elred, Jon, Kevin, Nick, Angelo, Dylan, Kyle, Carlos , Assistant Coach Charles Galbreath.



**Above:** Volleyball — Kneeling: Rosa, Standing: Deidre, Head Coach Ella Washington, Monielle, Brittany, Helen, Kira, Assistant Coach Kevin Voelker and Frannie.

## Fall Football at MSD

On Saturday, September 13, the field condition was muddy after the downpour of rain from the overnight. However, MSD found its ground at attack against Oklahoma School for the Deaf, as the Eagles racked up their first win of the season with a 36-6 thumping over the OSD Indians. MSD ran for 203 yards on 37 attempts. Senior fullback, Dani rushed for 111 yards with three touchdowns. Senior quarterback, Brandon ran 47 yards with a touchdown. On the opening possession of the game, the Indians drove the ball deep into MSD territory at the 15 yard line. The key play was a fumble recovery by senior Brandon at its own 15

*(continued on page 31)*





## 2003 Fall Homecoming

**Homecoming Court** — Brannndon, Jamila, Assistant Superintendent Tom Basteen, King Brandon, Queen Rosa, Superintendent Barbara Garrison, Cory and Frannie.

### Fall Homecoming

Fall homecoming came and went and was a huge success. We were blessed with a beautiful weekend.

Prior to the activities of homecoming, students enjoyed dressing for "Spirit Week". Our theme this year was "The Hulk — The Eagles are Furious!" Each day of the week they had something special to do. On Monday, the activity was to draw and color a picture of a "Furious Eagle". On Tuesday, everyone dressed in "Green" Wednesday was "Muscle Day" — quite an array of muscles on campus. Thursday, you would find everyone wearing their favorite hat with a picture of an Eagle put on the side. The customary "Green and Gold" day was held on Friday.

A pep rally was held at the football stadium with students marching out on the field to form the letters MSD. That evening everyone enjoyed a cakewalk.

The Homecoming Program Committee did a wonderful job of coordinating the whole weekend. Committee members were Roy Morris, Kyle, Frannie, Carol Adams, Bob Washington, Marilyn Barnard, Lucille Blackwell, Brandon, Kevin, Tim, Carlos, Monielle, Cory, Brandon, Ella Washington, Kira, Nancy Carr, Kayne O'Brien, Brannndon, Naomi Spencer and Kevin Spencer.

The committee sponsored a program cover design competition. Congratulations go to Angelo and Brannndon, winners of the competition. Angelo drew the cover and Brannndon

**MSD Cheerleaders come out enthusiastic to lead the crowd in support of the players.**

filled in the color. It was a program to be proud of. In addition the traditional cakewalk was held on Friday night. Sponsors Jalaila Lyles and Becky Payne wish to express their appreciation for the support they received.

**Homecoming Results:** The Eagles lost to the Firebirds of Wisconsin in volleyball; 12-25, 15-25,







Students marched out on the field and formed the letters "MSD" during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Friday night cakewalk — Yum, Yum.

21-25. Lead scorers for the Eagles were Frannie and Rosa. Each had 7 service points. In Football: The Eagles lost to the Firebirds 06-60. Brannndon scored the touchdown for the Eagles.

At halftime Brandon and Rosa were crowned the 2003 King and Queen. Regardless of the losses it was a great weekend.

## Fall Football

*(continued from page 29)*

yards and returned 55 yards to the Indian territory at ten yard line. Several plays later the Eagles scored from the 7-yard line. Fumbles played a large part in the game as OSD coughed up five fumbles and added two turnovers by

interceptions. MSD fumbled only two times. The Eagles exploded in the 1st quarter with 18 unanswered points. Defensively, junior linebacker, Brannndon led the Eagles with 7 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles. He had 2 interceptions in the game. Junior defensive end, Cory, had 7 solo tackles and 2 quarterback sacks. Linebacker, Dani had 7 solo tackles and 1 assisted tackle. The Eagles defense stiffened and held its opponent to 6 points late in the 4th quarter.

Arkansas School for the Deaf took advantage of its superior size, speed, and depth to easily defeat MSD, September 20, by the score of 55 to 18. Cory grabbed 7 yards by a touchdown pass from the quarterback.

He returned the kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown. Unfortunately, Cory had to leave the game permanently due to a fractured leg before the halftime. He was out for the season. On defense, Brannndon collected 11 solo tackles and 4 assisted tackles.

The Eagle's homecoming showdown against the Firebirds of Wisconsin School for the Deaf, September 27, dropped MSD for its 2nd consecutive loss 60-6. MSD missed its golden opportunity to score before WSD turned around the ballgame nearing the end of the 1st quarter. Sophomore Dylan, coughed up the ball on the Firebird's 2 yard line. Firebirds scored unanswered points after that. Junior fullback, Brannndon ran 52 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Defensively, linebacker Brannndon had six solo tackles and five assisted tackles, freshman defensive lineman Angelo registered 5 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles, and sophomore safety, Nick chipped in five tackles.

MSD played against long time rival, Kansas School for the Deaf, October 4. The Jackrabbits rolled over the Eagles enroute to a 59-14 victory. Junior fullback, Brandon ran 52 yards on 8 carries. One of those carries ran for a touchdown. Senior halfback, Dani ran 54 yards on 14 carries and a 2-point conversion. On defense, linebacker Brannndon collected 7 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles, junior defensive lineman, Damon had 6 solo tackles and 6 assisted tackles, and another defensive lineman freshman, Angelo registered five solo tackles and one assisted tackle.

Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf slipped past MSD, October 11, while the Eagles' record dropped to 1-4. The score was 47 to 22. Senior halfback, Dani ran 65 yards on 9 carries with a touchdown and 2-point conversion. Also, he returned a kickoff return 80 yards for a touchdown. Senior quarterback, Brandon ran 16 yards for a touchdown. Defensively junior linebacker, Brannndon had 4 solo tackles and 2 assisted tackles while linebacker, Dani collected four solo tackles. Congratulations to the

## Junior High Basketball Schedule

Time/Date	Opponent	Location	Time
October 30	CMHS	MSD	6:00 p.m.
November 11	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	6:00 p.m.
November 13	Chamois	MSD	6:00 p.m.
November 17	St. Peter's	St. Peter's (Fulton)	6:00 p.m.
November 20	Hatton	MSD	6:00 p.m.
December 2	Columbia Catholic	MSD	6:00 p.m.
December 4	St. Peter's	MSD	6:00 p.m.
December 11	CMHS	William Woods (Fulton)	6:00 p.m.
December 16	Kansas	MSD	4:00 p.m.
December 18	KCA	MSD	6:00 p.m.

Girls Basketball Coaches: Bobby Washington

Boys Basketball Coaches: Brad Drew, Head Coach  
Bob Peneston, Assistant Coach

Trojans of MSAD for capturing the 2003 GPSD football title. They went undefeated this season in the GPSD.

—Mike Eldred

### Wrap Up of Rice Volleyball Season

The young Eagles of Rice Middle School participated in their first year of competitive volleyball. The team consisted of 9 talented and dedicated girls who worked hard and played hard. They had a record of 0 - 3 in match play, but won several games against established teams. The top scores for serve points go to Kathleen, Denna and Anjoylen. All the girls improved their skills and will be a bigger threat in the future!

Congratulations to: Rochelle, Rosie, Denna, Kathleen, LeDaya, Brenda, Anjoylen, Chetara and Valen.

—Karen Barnhart

### Volleyball Season Ends

Wow, the 2003 volleyball season came and went fast! We ended the season with 7 very dedicated girls to the game of volleyball. Each one improved their skills tremendously throughout the course of the season.

Next year we will be without senior, Rosa, but the future looks bright for the volleyball program. We will have several 8th grade volleyball players moving up from the Junior High volleyball program. That will make our high school program stronger and more experienced.

Our season record stands at 0-16, however each of those 7 girls have learned the value of teamwork and dedication. Along with assistant coach Kevin Voelker, we enjoyed working with this very fine group of young ladies.

—Coach Ella Washington



### Former MSD Student Becomes Professional Football Player

Mary Loofbourrow from the class of 1987 has informed MSD that she has become a professional football player. She is in the Women's Professional Football League called the Missouri Prowlers. She is the only deaf player on a hearing team. Her position is a linebacker. Last year her team went to the Orange Bowl. Her stats there were



5 tackles and 3 assist tackles.

She loves the game and laughingly tells how Roger Davis wouldn't let her play on the team while a student here. She really wanted to play and had to settle playing "Red Flag Football" with the boys at MSD. The boys were quite impressed with her ability and said, "Wow you are a good football player!"

MSD is proud of Mary

Check out her website:

[www.missouriprowlers.com](http://www.missouriprowlers.com)



## High School English Department Themes

The High School English Department decided to coordinate themes throughout the year in all of their classes. Some themes were taken from the Eagle Plan Books that students received at the beginning of the school year. Other themes were concepts and ideas that the teachers wanted to see the students attain.

The result has been positive. Students are increasing their vocabulary through these themes. Students are developing discussion skills through these themes. Students are writing essays prompted by these themes.

One of the themes taken from the Eagle Plan Book was: On Track. In the box to the right is a sample of students' work inspired by this theme.

If you are interested in seeing the themes and other inspirations, you can find them on the High School English Department web pages.

—Lucille Blackwell

### On Track

When I'm on track I don't think about anything else. I just sit and think will I make it, or will I faint? My mind just goes blank and runs for the finish line. I don't care if I'm second or last, but it is important I hit the finish line!

Once I hit the finish line going about 150 mph then I'll come back to my senses! Then I'll thank God my car didn't crash or blow up and that I'm still on the track!

Sometimes I wonder if someone actually went off the track, what would happen then? Would the consequences be bad or good? So I would rather be on the track.

—Frannie

### On the Track

I went to train to get ticket for go to South Carolina. I want to find a way to there because it's my old hometown.

I wonder if its right train trail. I kept asking people if this train is right one. So I kept staying on one trail and think about wrong or right trail.

## On Track by Angelo

MSD, let's go on track.  
Running on track is fun. I  
am writing more about on  
track. I am learning in art  
class. I am on track in art.  
I love learning math.  
Yesterday I finished math  
work very good. I am on  
track. I love learning  
football. I am on track  
learning football. I love  
learning very, very much.  
Stay on track MSD!



*The theme was written in Lucille Blackwell's English Class and the art work in Debora Ripley's art class.*

I won't move other trail. I am stuck  
in one trail.

Maybe I could find a way to  
there in the future! It's my goal to  
find a way to my old hometown.

— Rachel

*After the tribute to 911 at MSD, Tim  
Murphy was inspired to write the  
following poem entitled, "A Mother  
in New York".*

### A Mother in New York

Waking up and out of her dream  
A dream was sweet and lovely.  
A new day has arrived and met her eyes  
Feeling pleased  
Kissing her beloved son  
Waving good-bye  
Out she went  
She is a lovely mother who needs to work.

Starting to miss her and feeling lonely  
Without her, he will cry silently  
Hoping to see her again.  
Peering out through a fine window  
He saw a vacant driveway.  
And no sign of his mother.  
Still missing her  
Time, time grew long  
Still she hasn't come back yet  
Sighing and blindly walking to his  
mother's bedroom.

At last, he saw one of his mother's  
belongings.  
A beautiful cover glowing in red roses  
And seeing his father resting on her bed

He crawls onto her bed  
And rests on his father's chest.

A boy's breath grew silent along with  
his father's  
Together, they dream the same dream  
Dreaming of a lovely woman  
She is a wife and a mother.

A dog jumps up gracefully  
Hearing quiet breaths out of a boy's  
mouth  
Curling up in a boy's arm  
And resting its head on a boy's stomach  
Feeling pleased  
Together, all three slept in a same  
dream  
It, a dream of a lovely woman  
She's a wife, a mother, and a buddy.

The door bell rang  
Waking all three up  
The front door opened  
Crying in tears  
Hugging his father  
She, the sister, of his mother  
"Sorry!" said she.

Feeling shocked without a single breath  
That a lovely woman will never come back  
A boy's mother is gone  
Feeling lonely  
His heart struggles  
Speaking sorrow  
Still missing her  
For the rest of his lonely days

—Tim

# Bicentennial Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Exploration Held at MSD

On a beautiful fall day students at MSD entered the world of Lewis and Clark and one of America's greatest stories of adventure. Program Coordinators for the Bicentennial Commemoration events were Sharon Egbert, Jalaila Lyles, Priscilla Robinson and Betty Sullivan.

Students began their journey in Ingle Auditorium by viewing a captioned video presentation of the Great Journey West produced by National Geographic. They learned how President Thomas Jefferson won approval from Congress, February 28, 1803, to fund a small expeditionary group whose mission was to explore the uncharted West. President Jefferson called the group the Corps of Discovery. It was led by Meriwether Lewis and his friend William Clark. The men and their group of 33 traveled thousands of miles, discovering lands, rivers and people that no U.S. citizens had ever seen before.

Then the journey of discovery began for students in Harrison Gym where stations were set up depicting many aspects of daily living for the expeditioners as they traveled this great country.

The day's events ended with some final words from Superintendent Barbara Garrison and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean. Lewis and Clark's trip was like the moon walk. Before Neil Armstrong made the first moon walk, we thought we knew what might be on the moon, but we didn't really know until he landed and walked on the moon.

Before Lewis and Clark made their trip, Americans thought there was land in the west, but they didn't know for sure until Lewis and Clark traveled and walked on the land.

Americans had been living in this

*(continued on page 36)*



**COOKING WITH WILD GAME:** Cathy McCray of MSD's Media Department, her husband John McCray and Cathy's parents Robert and Pat McGrath's demonstrate how to cook venison stew on an open fire and to cook fish and wild game on a spit. In the foreground students saw a sheephead mushroom, blackberries, cherries and hickory nuts that the expeditioners ate. John McCray and Robert McGrath explained and demonstrated different kinds of firearms used by Lewis and Clark.



**FIREARMS:** Above left, John McCray explains and demonstrates the use of different firearms used by Lewis and Clark. **ANIMAL PELTS AND TRACKING:** Above right, Amy Flowers and Elaine Callaway from Runge Nature Center discussed plants and animals that Lewis and Clark encountered on their expedition — students were allowed to feel the pelts.





**PIONEER COOKING:** Top left, Dawn Culbertson and Naomi Spencer demonstrate how to make peach cobbler cooked in a cast iron pot — students enjoy receiving samples. **MEASUREMENTS:** Center left: Marilyn Barnard, Cory, Frannie and Rachel using the known height of a person and a pencil learn how to measure the approximate height of a tree — they used a tree by the circle drive, which was probably there when Lewis and Clark made their expedition through Missouri. **CANDLE MAKING:** Debora Ripley demonstrates how to make hand dipped candles. **FIRESEIDE CHAT:** Center right, Lucille Blackwell uses excerpts from the journals of Lewis and Clark to present “The Ones Who Made the U.S.A. Bigger”. **MEDICAL CARE:** Right, Susan Anderson describes diseases and injuries encountered on the Lewis and Clark Expedition — on a poster display students find primitive medicines, practices and medical equipment of the day .



**RIVER TRAVEL AND SHELTER:** Right, Eddie Ross and Kevin Spencer explain the way in which the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled showing the layout of a canoe, a raft, a flat boat and a keel boat. Below: Kevin Spencer demonstrates how to build a shelter in the woods for protection.

country for 100 years, but did not know about plants, animals, Indians and land in Missouri and further west until Lewis and Clark's made their trip.

For example: The first tree Lewis and Clark sent back east came from St. Louis. It was named the hedge apple or osage-orange. It had been used for centuries by Indians for weapons and bows. It was important because it was a natural fence because it is very strong, thick and has thorns and it helped keep animals in one place. It doesn't rot and bugs don't attack it. It helped lead to the invention of barbed wire in 1874, and after that, the tree provided most of the posts for the wire that fenced the West. That tree also makes valuable firewood. It burns hot like coal. Even the bark and roots have value: The root's bright orange bark makes yellow dye, and the trunk's ridged and scaly bark furnishes tannin for making leather.

Americans wanted to move west; they were inspired by their dreams. After Lewis and Clark explored and found out what was there ... Americans started moving west:

Clark's map helped to plot routes for wagon roads and later railroads. Then the military came and built forts to protect and defend the settlers that moved west; farmers and cattlemen traveled west to claim land and built homes and farms; fur traders; missionaries; miners; fishermen; loggers and timber industries; railroad surveyors and builders came to expand transportation opportunities for people and business.

When automobiles were invented around the beginning of the 1900s, the construction of state highways began and portions of those highways closely parallel the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition.



The state highway system led to the Interstate Highway System that began in the 1950s which once more changed travelers' perspectives on the West.

About the same time, the rivers that Lewis and Clark followed—the Ohio, Missouri, Jefferson, Beaverhead, Clearwater, Snake, and Columbia Rivers—were largely rebuilt into a series of commercial waterways and reservoirs for irrigation and flood control.

Discovery means "finding something first." Lewis and Clark did

not discover anything because the Indians had already known about the western lands for many generations...

BUT, Lewis and Clark certainly were the first to see the land and the people along the Missouri and Columbia rivers with the attitudes of a nation that valued science, government and liberty.

### Reflections:

As our country begins a three year reflection of the many achievements brought to us by the Corps of Discovery, we want the Deaf



students to not only be aware of this Bicentennial Commemoration but to appreciate it and become a part of it. The story of Lewis and Clark does not just belong in the history books of middle school. Their achievements and how they accomplished them have done more than brought us to today. They are capable of teaching us everywhere in all areas of life how to discover, cherish, share and build upon all the new things waiting to be found in the boredom of routine. We hope October 16, 2003 was not just a fun day out of the classroom but an irresistible invitation to the fascination of learning more.

### Eddie Ross' Class

Prior to Lewis and Clark demonstrations, Eddie Ross' class was busy constructing a fort and keel boat.



1. Brandon measures the mast for the keel boat. 2. Tars glues for the cover of the keel boat. 3. Jon, Matt and Tars whittle logs for the shelter. 4. Tars uses liquid nail to glue the fort into place. 5. Ryan uses the miter saw to cut the length of the logs. 6. Matt uses the abrasive finishing machine to make points for the fort. 7. The perimeter walls of the fort.

## Vocational Program Renamed

Our vocational program is being renamed to better reflect our updated training opportunities for the 21st century. The previous wording "vocational training," "vocational education," and "vocational programs" has been updated to "career and technology training," "career and technology education," and "career and technology programs." The Coats Vocational Complex on the MSD campus is now the Coats Career and Technology Center.



# Rice School History Happenings . . .

Julie Ann Bower's four history classes have been very busy this school year. They have learned about the culture and history of India and the various community workers that help our community to be a safer place such as the police and fire departments. They learned about the explorers Lewis and Clark from the Wheeler High School program on Oct. 16. They visited Fulton's historical society where they explored more about Lewis and Clark's expedition and more about the Civil War in Missouri.

Additionally, they learned the importance of American veterans and made a display showing how many family members of students and faculty who had served in the armed services. The classes are learning about China, the Middle Ages, the Civil War and Deaf people's roles in society during the 1800's. Below are the highlights from the past few months' activities.

—Julie Ann Bower



*Top, right:* Students working on the American flag that displays the stars for each veteran in their family. *Right center:* Rice Hall history students display veterans stars displayed on the flag. *Above:* The finished American flag containing 54 stars for the 54 veterans from Rice Hall students and teachers.



*Above:* Mitchell, Dominic and Cody working on their Indian art project. *Inset:* One of the student masterpieces — a traditional Elephant from India.





Presenter Pana Patel, from India, explaining about the different foods from her country.

Left: Denna, teacher Julie Ann Bower, Nikki and Anjoylen standing before a reenactment display from the Battle of Moores Mill that happened 8 miles from Fulton during the Civil War.



Above: Brenda eating traditional Indian food — Geela Kitchuri and Gulab Jamuns. Right: Tyler helps prepare the traditional Indian food that they would be eating later.



Above, left: Steven, Brandyn, LeDaya, Donte' and Mathew all aboard the Fulton Fire Department's firetruck. Left: Steven finding out he's not so sure he likes being in the back seat of a patrol car. Above: LeDaya wearing the oxygen tank and mask that firefighters wear while fighting fires while teacher Julie Ann Bower and Firefighter Vicki look on.



In Glenda Maxwell's and Susan Whanger's art classes students made life size pictures of themselves and stuffed them to give a 3-D effect. Pictured left: Dustin and Austin. Right: Tasia and Joyla.

## Stark Happenings

### Kindergarten 1 Class

In Mary Karnes' class, students were learning different words which start with the alphabet letter "B".

The word was boats and students made hats so they could be the captain of their own boat.

Pictured right: Skye, Joseph, Najah, Lamont and Scotty.



## Fulton's Own Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year

Susan Whanger, a third grade teacher at Missouri School for the Deaf, was chosen as Fulton's Wal-Mart SuperCenter's Teacher of the Year. Susan has been a teacher for 31 years and has taught at MSD for the last 24 years.

When asked what drew Susan to Missouri she stated, "MSD attracted me. This school puts children first. The campus is set up for children. There are bird feeders, children playing, science experiments, and children reading in the library. Everything is child centered."

"Susan is a teacher that knows what to do, and how to make connections with kids. Parents appreciate her efforts and staff benefit from the experience and knowledge that she brings to our school," states Mary Ann Herring, Elementary School Supervisor. In accepting her award Susan stated, "We are a team."

Team work has paid off for this elementary school. With this award, Fulton's Wal-Mart SuperCenter donated \$1,000 to Susan Whanger for school supplies. More library books that support the reading program will be bought for the school. Susan joined the state competition for the Wal-Mart stores in Missouri with a chance to win \$5,000. That did not happen but Susan was proud to have been selected for the local award.



Above: Susan Whanger, Stacey Clubine, Customer Service Manager, and Cathy Gustafson, Community Involvement Coordinator for Fulton Wal-Mart SuperCenter proudly display the \$1,000 check for school supplies.



# Alumni News



**Lester Guenther**

MSD alumnus Lester Guenther, a staff member from 1948 until his retirement in 1988, passed away Thursday morning, September 11, 2003, at Callaway Hospital. He had been ill less than 48 hours and had entered the hospital the afternoon before. He had turned 80 years old earlier in the month. Born severely deafened on September 4, 1923, Lester also became partially blind around the age of four. The ensuing years were a struggle to retain his remaining sight — a largely successful effort though his vision declined even more as time passed. He did not become totally blind until less than two years ago.

Despite these adverse circumstances, Lester grew up to be a remarkable person. Anyone who knew this man could not help but be impressed by the sharp intelligence, depth of knowledge and breadth of information he possessed. His quest for knowledge through reading and conversation continued unabated throughout his life.

He was, among other things, an avid sports fan with a phenomenal

fund of knowledge about athletic events.

Though severely deafened and with a visual limitation that continually threatened to turn into total blindness, Lester was not a recluse. He was a fascinating conversationalist and loved nothing more than talking with those who could sign or, when necessary, writing back and forth with non-signers.

He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1943 and went on to earn a B.A. degree from Gallaudet College (now University) in 1948. He returned to Fulton to teach at MSD. After a few years, his limited vision forced him to retire from teaching but he continued at the school as a dormitory counselor. A skilled writer, widely acquainted among the alumni and knowledgeable about MSD's history, he also served as alumni editor for the school paper, the *Missouri Record*.

Besides his several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and his many friends, both deaf and hearing, Lester leaves also the staff and residents of Jefferson Lodge — people who were his family during the last years of his life.

Visitation and funeral services were held Tuesday evening, September 16, at the Debo Funeral Home in Fulton with the Reverend Stephen Sowder officiating. Burial was Wednesday, September 17 in Waverly Cemetery in Lester's hometown, Waverly, Missouri.

—By a friend, RDR

*The following article is reprinted from the October 1978 issue of the **Missouri Record** and is an example of Lester's writing style.*

## **The Hearing Aid and I by Lester Guenther**

Perhaps I'm sticking my neck out,

but something very strong motivates me to say what I feel and think. Especially from a "deaf-mute" who uses a hearing aid. My friends all over the country from Hartford to Riverside and from St. Augustine to Vancouver may be surprised, or shocked, to say the least, but I have a very good reason for wearing a hearing aid.

To begin with, let me go back to the fall of 1975 when I went to the local Vocational Rehabilitation office to inquire about getting a reading magnifier which cost more than I could afford. After the usual procedure of examinations and filling out forms, I was asked if I would like to take a hearing test. Since it was required by VR, I saw no harm in taking it.

To my mild surprise and skepticism, I was informed that a hearing aid could help me. I remember when I was younger I could hear very loud noises. I can still remember when I told my mother about my hearing, she told me, "Yes, I know, and you can't speak!" It was, some might say, the "perfect squelch", but after being momentarily set back, I ignored the remark and soon forgot about it until then.

Mr. Bland, the head counselor, may have had some misgiving about me getting a hearing aid, but he made sure by personally asking me if I really wanted it. I did not mince words, telling him if it did not help me, I would gladly return it and let someone else try it. In reality, I took it somewhat as a novelty.

More than a year has passed, and after dozens of expended batteries, I realize that it is more of a necessity than a "novelty". I wear it when I cross the street (so I can hear my bane — the automobile). I use it in the dorm where I work (it's about the noisiest place on earth — kids yelling all the time and the TV sets turned on loud) and at home (water running in the stool, knock at the front door when I am in the living room with my face buried in the newspaper, or listening to music with rhythm on TV and radio).

However, wearing a hearing aid gives me a psychological edge. I know many of my deaf friends avoid hear

ing aids like the plague and like the world's most prolific inventor, Thomas Alva Edison, they would rather live with a handicap and still lead productive lives.

I believe that a person who is deprived of any one of the major senses should learn to use the remaining ones. I shall never forget my eye doctor's advice after my last operation (1964): "Use your eye!" whereas it was common for those with eye ailments "Not to strain your eyes." Since God gave you the five senses, He expects you to use all of them if possible.

— By a friend, Richard Reed

#### Deaths of Other Alumni or Friends of MSD are as Follows:

*A well-know and beloved alumna of the Missouri School for the Deaf, Inza Yates, MSD '43, died August 17, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Yates, MSD '40. Four of her surviving children are also alumni of the Missouri School for the Deaf: Samuel Yates, '65; Carol Yates, '77; Larry Yates, '79; and Timothy Yates, '81. Her obituary appeared in the Kansas City Star as follows:*

• **Inza M. Yates**, 82, of Independence, MO, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2003, at her home. Cremation, with private service at Mountain Grove, MO. Memorial contributions are suggested to the MSD Alumni Association, 504 Alfalfa Lane, Buckner, MO 64016. Inza was born February 25, 1921, in Blanche, MO, to William and Lizzie Parsons. She was a graduate of the Missouri School for the Deaf, and a member of the Jackson County Chapter of the Missouri Association for the Deaf, Sedalia State Fair Chapter of MoAD, MO-KAN Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc., the MSD Alumni Association and the Heart of America Association of the Deaf. She was a member of Grace Heartland Community Church. Inza is survived by her children, Elizabeth A. Gregory of Independence, MO, Samuel L. Yates of Landover Hills, MD,

Lawrence W. Yates of Buckner, MO, Carol A. Yates of Paola, KS, James Q. Yates and Timothy F. Yates, both of Independence, MO; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Ida Smith of Independence, MO, and Louise Finley of Riverside, CA.

**Lillian Phelps**, 84, of Fulton passed away Sunday, August 31, 2003



at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Lillian was employed with the school as a Houseparent from September 1971 until her retirement in July 1984. She began her career working with our elementary students in Stark Hall moving to the high school in 1979, working with both high school boys in Tate, and girls in Kerr. Lillian could not bear to leave the school and continued as a substitute in Student Life from 1986 until 1998.

Lillian's connection with MSD goes back many years to her aunt, Zola (Ardrey) Yates, who attended school here from 1915-1924. Her sister, Donnie Tyler, was hard of hearing and did not attend MSD, but worked from October 1958-June 1974 as a food service worker in Stark Kitchen. Donnie was married to Ray Tyler (MSD alumna 1909-23), who also worked for MSD from October 1958-May 1971 as a food service worker in McKee Kitchen. Donnie preceded Lillian's passing two years ago.

She is survived by three sons, Victor Lee Phelps of Harrisburg, Frank Lewis Phelps of Versailles and William Terry Phelps of Fulton; a daughter, Valerie Lynn Fry of Fulton; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services for Lillian were held Thursday, Sept. 5, 2003 at Debo Funeral Home. Internment was in Frankfort, Missouri. Memorial contributions can be made to Missouri Cancer Associates.

• **Frances Levene Saling**, a houseparent in Tate Hall at the Missouri School for the Deaf from September of 1964 until her retirement in November of 1978, died October 23, 2003, at the Riverview Nursing Home in Mokane, Missouri. She was 90 years old. She was born November 21, 1912, near Mokane to Louis and Elizabeth (Maddox) Derleth. She married Cecil Saling in Fulton on October 26, 1932. He preceded her in death on October 10, 2001. (Mr. Saling also served as a houseparent at MSD.) Survivors include two sons, Wesley Saling and Charles Saling both of Tooele, Utah; two daughters, Dora Weems of Mokane and Darlene Gubler of Salt Lake City, Utah; 24 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother. Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Fulton with burial in the Mokane Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Riverview Nursing home in Mokane.

• **Janet Horton**, 84, of Mobile, Alabama formerly of Fulton died Monday, September 15, 2003.

She was born May 13, 1919, in Omaha, Nebraska. She married Dr. David Horton who preceded her in death. Dr. Horton taught at Westminster College. Mrs. Horton taught deaf and multiply-handicapped children at MSD from September 1, 1962 until June 1, 1966.

Survivors include a son, Doug Horton of Mobile, Alabama; two daughters, Barbara H. Jones of Fort Collins, Colorado and Beth DeVan of Fairhope, Alabama; a brother Bob Glamore of the state of California; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private services were held for Mrs. Horton.

• **Etta Lachman** died June 20, 2003. An alumna of the Illinois School for the Deaf, she was the widow of Chester Lachman, MSD '33. Among her survivors are two daughters: Harriet Koch, MSD '63,



and Sharon Kerr. Michael Dwane Wells, MSD'78, died December 12, 2002. Charles "Freddie" Hickman, MSD'56, died March 3, 2003. James Casey, MSD'67, died March 30, 2003.

*Elaine Hollabaugh (our previous physical therapist) passed away Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2003, at her home after a long battle with cancer. We presented Elaine with a MSD "Ethic of Care" award last spring at the Stark Awards Day. She lived life to the fullest, even attended the MU football game on Saturday.*

—BG

- Elaine Hollabaugh was born July 1, 1953, in Perryville, to the late Richard C. and Wilhelmina M. (Palmer) Meyer. On July 14, 1979, in Genevieve, she married David S. Hollabaugh. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include three children, Eric M. Hollabaugh, Laura L. Hollabaugh, and Scott J. Hollabaugh, all of the home; four sisters, Rita Brumfield, Ruth Schweiss, and Margaret Shirey, all of Ste. Genevieve, and Marilyn Mahler of Denver, Colorado; a brother Clarence Meyer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hollabaugh graduated from Valle High School in Ste. Genevieve in 1971, attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, and graduating from St. Louis University with a bachelors degree in Physical Therapy. She was most recently a self employed Physical Therapist at South Callaway Schools, New Bloomfield Schools, and Missouri School for the Deaf. She previously was a self employed Physical Therapist at North Callaway Schools, Fulton Schools, and Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center. Prior to that she was employed as a Physical Therapist at Columbia Regional Hospital, St. Marys Hospital and Callaway Community Hospital. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fulton with Father Greg

Oligschlaeger officiating. Inurnment graveside services were held Saturday at the Callaway Memorial Gardens in Fulton. Visitation was from 4-9 p.m. at the Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton.

### **McCumber Receives Rodeo Award**

Donald McCumber, 67-year old deaf cowboy from Carrollton, has decided to retire after many years on the rodeo circuit. He was a member of the American Rodeo Association for more than 40 years. McCumber's other rodeo affiliations include the International Professional Rodeo Association, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, the Professional Bull Rider, and in 2003, became a member of the Missouri Rodeo Cowboy Association.

In July McCumber entered a bull-riding event in Corder, riding a bull that had been undefeated for four years. "The bull, named Red -6, threw me out, kicked my back, and stepped on my left hip," said McCumber. "I'm still in pain."

McCumber, now living in Eldon, Missouri, received an award trophy from the American Rodeo Association and will receive the Bull Rider Ring as a commemoration of his retirement.

Turning 68 in August, McCumber claims he misses riding. "I love the rodeo. It is in my DNA."

### **Alumni News**

- Earlier this year, Bradley Adolph Boggs, MSD'38, and wife Georgia Davis Boggs, MSD'52, moved from their home in Columbia, Missouri, to Presbyterian Manor in Fulton. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20 with a reception at the Manor hosted by their daughters Donna Glenn and Carol Wehmeyer. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs were married on June 20, 1953. Besides their two daughters, they have five grandchildren and one great grandchild. The reception was attended by a large number of friends and relatives from around the state as well as members of the mid-Missouri Deaf community.

## **Attention: MSD Alumni**

Class reunion — coming, coming, coming . . . spread the information.

Class of 1960  
Class of 1961  
Class of 1962  
Class of 1963  
Class of 1964  
Class of 1965

We are going to have a big get-together dinner/event in 2006. I am chairman for the 1961ers and if you know anyone that comes from one of those classes, please let him/her know.

I am also responsible for the 60ers and 62ers until someone comes along and takes over those classes. Please email me any email addresses that you know of or send to my home address:

Mr. Pat Adams  
204 South Ravine  
Fulton, MO 65251  
email to:  
[adams1969@socket.net](mailto:adams1969@socket.net)

- **Brenda Jo Falgier**, '89, is thrilled to announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Jo Spurlin Falgier, who was born on May 15, 2003 in Iowa City, IA. Falgier is currently a faculty member with American Sign Language Program at the University of Iowa.

- **Tara Bennett** reports she and Stephen had twin daughters on the 4th of July. They were named Tylee Dawn and Tamalyn Sue. She said, "you might say they were fireworks babies." They now have three girls. All are doing fine.



## Richard and Marthada Reed Water Garden Dedication

(continued from page 23)



Richard and Marthada express their appreciation.

Superintendent Garrison invited everyone to move to the courtyard for the ribbon cutting ceremony and ended by saying, "It has been said that life is just a canvas — on the landscape of the mind, and the way in which we paint it — is ours solely to decide..." For the life of the Reeds they have painted a beautiful landscape.

In the courtyard the garden was officially dedicated with the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Reeds were joined by Ambassadors from the Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Former teachers, staff members and board members enjoyed a reception and visiting afterwards. A special thanks to Sandy Fritz and Pat O'Rourke for making the day a special event. To the media department for setting up and preparing the powerpoint presentation. To former teachers Jackie Frame and Judy Ebersole for serving at the reception.

—Barbara Garrison

### Reed Nominated for Retired Educator of the Year

Described by peers as dedicated, involved and professional, Fulton resident Dick Reed was nominated for Missouri Retired Educator of the Year by the Callaway Chapter of Retired Teachers based on his dedicated service at MSD. Born of Deaf parents, Reed first came to MSD in 1952.

"I admire him as much as anyone I have ever known," former co-worker

Good afternoon to everybody."

When I received a letter from Dr. Barbara Garrison, I was very surprised to receive the Ready Distinguished Award for 2003 and feel honored!

My biggest disappointment is that I am unable to be present to receive this award as I am in Houston, Texas for the American Postal Workers Union Deaf Conference.

I am proud to be an alumnus of MSD. If I never attended MSD, then I would never have met my wife, Wilda. I am not the only one who deserves this award. My wife supported me, cared for our family, and helped me in my work and accomplishments over the years. I have three daughters, and all of them can sign fluently. Two of my daughters are interpreters and all three have a heart for the Deaf community.

I remain active and will continue to be active in working for and supporting the Deaf community. But, I cannot do it alone. I have been saddened in recent years by Deaf people's declining involvement in the organization of Deaf people such as the Missouri Association of the Deaf (Mo.A.D.), Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association (M.S.D.A.A.), National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and others. I encourage all Deaf people to become involved in these organizations, become active, and let others hear your voice. If the Deaf community does not become more active, then we may lose those things we have taken for granted — such as our beloved MSD.

I encourage Deaf people to continue learning. Go to meetings and workshops to learn what is happening and how to help improve the lives of Deaf people. We all know that Deaf people can do anything, except hear. Yet, I see other groups of people with disabilities who have more political power because they are actively involved. We, Deaf people need to do the same.

It is an honor to receive this award which is named for Cleve Ready. Mr. Ready was actively involved in Jr. NAD., Mo.A.D., Missouri Association of the Deaf Apartment Association and many other organizations and activities of the Deaf community. I feel honored to receive an award which was named after such a wonderful role model.

Thank you.

—Frankie "Tuffy" Morris

and longtime friend Pat O'Rourke said of Reed. "He's exemplary in his work ethic and a man of integrity."

Jackie Frame first met Reed in 1967, when she joined MSD as a young teacher. "He was a perfectionist. He aimed for the best," Frame said of her first impression of Reed. "He knew how to communicate, and he really cares. That's the most important thing."

Members of the Kingdom of Callaway Retired Teachers Association selected Reed based on his dedicated service at Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton.

Early efforts found Reed supervising students in the canteen during football games and leading MSD's Boy Scout Troop 52 when not in the classroom. Through MSD he met and married his wife Marthada, a fellow teacher, in 1959. Graduate school led the young couple away for several years, but they returned to MSD in 1963.

For his part, Reed said a desire to be part of the deaf community was the root of his career.

—reprinted in part from the  
Fulton Sun



## MSD Alumni, Staff and Friends Attend the Annual Interpreters Conference

The Tenth Annual Missouri Statewide Interpreters Conference was held October 18-20 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. As in past years, attendees included MSD staff, alumni and friends.

MSD alumni and friends attended the Saturday evening Awards Ceremony.

*Right* — MSD alumni and friends attended the Saturday evening Awards Ceremony. Front: Judith Morrow, Jimmiebelle Rideoutte'73 (standing), Ronald Smith'66, Ethel Seabaugh'73 (standing), Judith Smith and Charlie Farrell. Back: Judy Collier'69, Mike Dannenmueller'70, Wayne Gann, Sally Rowe Ragsdale'69, Mike Krpan'70 and Sarah Justine'72.



*Center* — Friends got together at Windrose for dinner Saturday evening. Seated: Charlotte and Bill Hamilton. Standing: Virginia Lee Hughes, JoEllen Clark, Marthada Reed, Dick Reed. Virginia Lee, a sister of Charlotte Hamilton and a "transplanted Fultonian," has been an interpreter in southern California for many years. JoEllen Clark is the Hamiltons granddaughter. She now lives in Rochester, New York, where she serves as Professional Development Coordinator and interpreter at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

*Below left* — Pat Adams'61 and wife Carol. Pat was a recipient of the "In Appreciation" award at the Awards Ceremony.

*Below center* — Ula Williams was presented the "In Appreciation" Award at the Awards Ceremony. Ula is Coordinator of Sign Language and Deaf Studies Programs at Maplewood College in Kansas City, Missouri.

*Below right* — Lawrence Yates '70 was a recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement" Award at the Awards Ceremony. Larry is currently president of the Missouri Association of the Deaf.



## State of the School Address

(continued from page 5)

thinking ‘outside the box.’” So, now I am asking all MSD employees to begin “thinking outside the box” and to share ideas for improvement. I have added a new **employee suggestion program**. Through the Program, employees are challenged to find better ways to improve customer service, reduce cost, generate revenue or improve work processes. All suggestions come directly to me and I **will** respond to each suggestion that is made. By the way, the “Suggestion Box” was a suggestion from one of our employees ... See, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

MSD students fall into three categories based on their goals:

- College Preparatory
- Career Preparatory
- Independent living skills

While high academic achievement is an important goal to strive for, this is not all we want to achieve from education. The years our young people spend in school must make a lasting impact on them — an impact that will remain long after formal lessons in geography and mathematics are forgotten. This means that our graduates must be “job ready” combining “know what”, “know how”, “know why” and “know who” (the formal and informal knowledge) necessary to succeed in the workplace.

Our students are here with us ... our students learn from us whether through signed communication or simply through what they see. Make use of **any and every** opportunity to teach ... to mentor ... to care... we are all role models.

We have reason to be confident. We are a strong, honest, hardworking, educated workforce ... a united and resourceful people. We have faced up to challenges before. We must face this crisis squarely. We must accept that a bright future cannot be handed to us on a plate. We will need guts and stamina to stick out the hard

times, as well as resourcefulness and the will to build a better life for MSD.

We must stand firm, steady and clear-headed amidst the turbulence. Our school will be more competitive, our sense of identity and bonding will be stronger. We will then be able to face other challenges that may cross our path in the future with pride and confidence, as a school that prevailed against the odds together.

Our ability to take control and think positively will change trials and hardship into opportunities for rebirth. The future is ours to build. We must set our sights on the future and build the capabilities and services that will put MSD ahead when the state and the nation recover. We are investing heavily in restructuring the education and training system to enable lifelong learning and to equip our students to take on good jobs and to remain employable.

We must not lose sight of our vision of MSD as a dynamic campus of opportunity and every MSD student’s “Best Hope” for realizing their aspirations and fulfilling their potential. We must not lose sight of our vision of MSD as the “Best Home”, a home where every student feels he belongs, where he can enjoy a rich, multifaceted quality of life and where he will leave with confidence in the future. As we move towards ability-centered education, our goal is to harness the creativity of every single employee at MSD so that we may bring out the best in every single student in school.

The School does not exist in isolation. Nor do we have sole responsibility for the upbringing and education of our children. The key partners of our school in the upbringing and education of our children are parents, local education agencies and the community. All of us will increasingly have to look beyond the walls of our rooms here at school, and build ties with our partners in the education process. MSD is ready and we want partners to work with us in a complementary and cooperative way so that our

This Web-Specific version of the Missouri Record has been edited from the original hard copy. To protect the privacy of our students, the last names of all currently enrolled students have been omitted.

children will be able to grow up in a total school-home-community environment that is supportive and conducive where they develop intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, artistically and morally.

### That’s the “State of MSD”.

I am ready to:

- be an effective translator of educational policies into practices, interpreting and applying these appropriately to suit school conditions;
- lead by example — conveying a deep sense of mission;
- build a supportive community by forging links with parents, alumni, school districts, legislators and the community; and
- create a safe environment to nurture growth and learning for staff and students.

Are you ready to engage the vision, make these visions become reality?

My message to you this morning is simple: **have confidence** in yourselves and the future of MSD. We will prevail. I promise you that I will continue to do my best to serve you, our families, our school districts, our alumni, and all of our consumers as we work together toward our goals, our visions, our mission... and to above all: **“Keep the kids first and do what is right!”**

—Barbara Garrison





# ***Basketball Schedule/Results***

**2003-2004**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
November 24	Higbee — V-girls and boys	MSD	6:00 pm
December 8	Community R — VIV-girls and boys	MSD	6:00 pm
13	Kansas — JV-g & b /V-g & b	Olathe, KS	1:00 pm/5:00 pm
18	Silex — JV/V-g	Silex	6:00 pm
January 8	Chamois — V-g & b	Chamois	6:00 pm
9 & 10	Arkansas/Oklahoma -g&b	Little Rock, Ark	TBA
13	Silex — JV/V-b	MSD	6:00 pm
15	Jamestown — V-g & b	Jamestown	6:00 pm
15	Missouri Military Academy — V-girls	Mexico	6:00 p.m.
20	Missouri Military Academy — JV/V-boys	MSD	6:00 pm
23	Iowa School for the Deaf— V-g & b	MSD	6:00 p.m.
24	Oklahoma vs Iowa	MSD	9:30 a.m.
24	Oklahoma V — g & b Homecoming	MSD	6:00 pm
27	No. Callaway — JV-b & g	MSD	6:00 pm
29	CSSD Tournament V-g & b	Delavan, WI	TBA
30	CSSD Tournament V-g & b	Delavan, WI	TBA
31	CSSD Tournament V-g & b	Delavan, WI	TBA
February 3	Columbia Independent Sch —JV/V, boys	Columbia	6:00 p.m.
7	Kansas — JV-g & b V-g & b	MSD	3:30 pm
9	Community RVI — JV-g & b	Laddonia	6:00 pm
12	GPSD Tournament — V-g & b	MSD	TBA
13	GPSD Tournament — V-g & b	MSD	TBA
14	GPSD Tournament — V-g & b	MSD	TBA
<i>Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Mississippi</i>			
16	Tuscumbia — V-g & b	Tuscumbia	6:00 pm
19	Prairie Home — V- g & b	Prairie Home	6:00 pm
23	Wellsville — JV/V-g	MSD	6:00 pm
24	Higbee — V-g & b	Higbee	6:00 pm
28 - March 6	District — V-girls	Silex	TBA

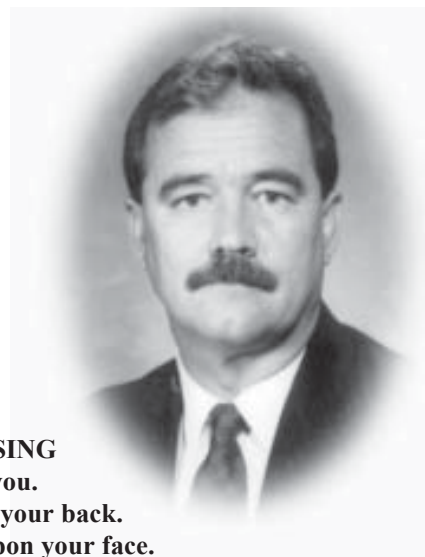
*Athletic Director: Ella Washington*

*Webpage: [msd.k12.mo.us](http://msd.k12.mo.us)*

**Missouri School for the Deaf  
505 East 5th Street  
Fulton, MO 65251-1799**

**Return Service Requested**

**Nonprofit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Fulton, Missouri  
Permit No. 165**



**IRISH BLESSING**

**May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

***In tribute to Roger Davis***